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## SPORTS

## Free throws in final seconds win it for Grayling, 50-49



There's 32 minutes of clock time in a varsity boys basketball game. On Tuesday night, in a battle of Lake Michigan Conference teams, Elk Rapids led Grayling for more than 30 of those 32 minutes, but the Vikings rallied in the fourth quarter to win 50-49.

"We played an outstanding fourth quarter and our kids showed a lot of character down the stretch. Our free throw shooting was outstanding. Zane Tobin showed great poise in hitting two free throws with 4.7 seconds left," Coach Rich Moffitt said. **Page 10**

## JV basketball team wins 49-26 vs. Elk Rapids



The Grayling Vikings improved their junior varsity boys basketball record to 4-0 overall with a 49-26 victory vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks on Tuesday night.

The Vikings scored 15 unanswered points in the first period to lead 15-4. The 15-0 run included a jump shot by Matt Burrell, three points by Scott Wakeley, a jumper by Peyton Zigila, three baskets by Justice Junttila, and an inside shot by Burrell. **Page**

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# Grayling students go Shop With A Cop

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association sold their total inventory of 200 Christmas trees and took 24 students on a Shop With a Cop excursion last Thursday at the Grayling Kmart. After picking up some winter wear, clothing and fun items, the youth were treated to a pizza party and given food baskets from the Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxiliary to take home to share with their families for the holidays. Above, Deputy Michael Gammicchia helps a young man pick out some pajamas for him and his family. Below, a girl is pictured with Santa and his elves at the Grayling Kmart.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



## Grant sought for I-75 interchange

**by Dan Sanderson**  
*Staff Writer*

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees pledged to pay for a brunt of the cost requested from the township to study building a full I-75 interchange at North Down River Road, but urged road officials to seek funding from other townships to help solve a 50-year transportation issue.

The Grayling Charter Township Board, last week, agreed to pay \$20,000 toward environmental and engineering studies needed for a grant application to obtain funds to build a full I-75 interchange.

The Crawford County Road Commission is applying for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

If approved, the county would receive \$22.8 million to build a full interchange at North Down River Road. The grant would require no local funding match, which enticed local officials to take a shot at getting the funds.

"We had to take a chance," said Don Babcock, manager for the Crawford County Road Commission.

The grant application, however, does require an environmental assessment, engineering studies and a traffic study.

The Crawford County Board, the Crawford County Road Commission and the City of Grayling have already pledged funds to help with the \$128,600 in cost needed for the work.

The Grayling Charter Township Board had pledged \$25,000 toward

the project, but was unclear if the funds had to be paid until it was confirmed that the grant was a sure thing. Babcock came to address the misunderstanding last week.

"We're kind of late in the process to be throwing a bill at us," said Grayling Charter Township Trustee Shawn Krays said.

The TIGER grants are competitive, because the funding goes above and beyond transportation funds given to states and regions annually. The grants target projects in communities that are economically distressed.

Babcock said that I-75 interchange at North Down River Road has been dysfunctional ever since the freeway was extended through the area in 1961. Creating both northbound and southbound access at the interchange would help with

# Discussions about area ambulance services will continue

**by Dan Sanderson**  
*Staff Writer*

The playing field is starting to level as more information is presented to the public by two competing ambulances vying to service Grayling Charter Township.

The Grayling Charter Township Hall was jam packed full of area residents when the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting last week.

Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS both made presentations to the township board and citizens who were at the meeting.

MMR had operated in Crawford County for the last 11 years through a memorandum of understanding reached between the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Mercy Hospital Grayling. The pact was reached in 2007 when MMR, a Saginaw based company, and North Flight, an ambulance service owned by Munson Hospital, were losing money when federal reimbursement rates for ambulance transfers were decreased. North Flight asked the county for a subsidy to cover its projected losses. MMR did not ask for funding from the county.

The county did not provide funding to North Flight and has never financially supported an ambulance service since the memorandum of understanding was adopted. North Flight no longer has ambulances in Crawford County.

Matt Holtcamp, a director of operations for MMR, told township officials that 11 years of experience should speak for itself when it comes to choosing between ambulance services.

"That was a big, bold move," said Holtcamp, about coming to Crawford County without seeking a subsidy to help cover operational costs. "We made a decision and we stuck with it."

MMR operates five ambulances in Crawford County. The company does about \$1.2 million in business in the county, but only generates about \$100,000 in revenues, which Holtcamp said is reinvested into the company.

Holtcamp said ambulance services in Roscommon County are supported by \$1.5 million in tax dollars, while the Otsego County EMS is supported by a \$400,000.

Holtcamp acknowledged that transfers from the hospital to the patient's home, a nursing home or another hospital is where ambulance can generate income rather than responding to 911 calls.

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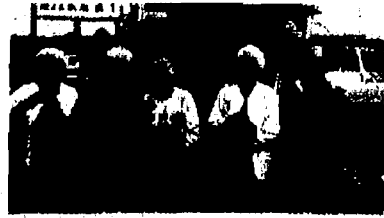


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# Discussions about area ambulance services will continue

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High costs come in when ambulances are staffed around the clock and at peak call times, which occur in the early afternoon in Crawford County.

"Operational costs are going through the roof and reimbursements are going down every day," Holtcamp said.

Holtcamp said that there is not the volume of 911 calls and transfers available to sustain two ambulance services.

"It just simply can't be fragmented anymore," Holtcamp said.

In November, the Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS approached the Grayling Charter Township Board, with a proposal to provide ambulance services in the township. Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Rick Harland stressed that no decisions have been made and that discussions over ambulance services are still ongoing.

Under the proposal, Frederic Township and Fire EMS would bill the health insurance of the patient for a 911 call. In addition, the township would offer a \$49 membership fee to Grayling Charter Township residents for ambulance services. The membership fee would cover emergency calls and inner facility transfers from the hospital to the patient's home, a nursing home or another

hospital.

MMR operates under the same billing practices and also provides membership fee opportunities.

Frederic Township EMS Service became Advanced Life Support (ALS) accredited, which is the highest accreditation an ambulance service can achieve, this year. Chief Doug Pratt said it was his goal to become ALS accredited when he assumed command of the department 11 years ago.

The Frederic Township Fire and EMS Service is supported by a millage levied in its service area, which includes Frederic and Maple Forest Townships. It also covers a portion of Lovells Township.

Beaver Creek Township, the City of Grayling and Grayling Charter Township do not have a millage to support ambulance operations.

Pratt said his department has four ambulances that are ALS equipped and accredited. He pledged to have two ambulances staffed 24 hours a day in the Grayling area, while another ambulance would be manned in Frederic Township. The fourth ambulance is equipped with jaws of life equipment and other specialized gear for rescue for vehicle extrication.

Pratt said the Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS can provide comparable service in Crawford County, just like other services in surrounding counties with the same or less resources.

"To say we can't do it is a gross understatement," Pratt said.

Holtcamp said the county could lose \$720,000 in payroll that MMR pays its paramedics as well as fuel and supplies purchased locally. Further, MMR provides emergency dispatch services from Saginaw to people who are assisting a person in cardiac arrest, a woman having a baby or in other medical emergencies.

Pratt said Crawford County dispatchers are

already providing medical information to callers, could receive enhanced training and would be able to transfer calls to dispatchers in surrounding counties with little investment.

"I believe our dispatchers are very adequate in doing what they are supposed to be doing," Pratt said.

Grayling Charter Township Trustee Dennis Long said local officials owe it to the community and the dispatchers to get the extra training and technology.

"It seems like a very minor cost when you are dealing with the lives of people," Long said.

Some residents were concerned that they will be left without an ambulance service if Grayling Charter Township splinters off in a deal with Frederic Township.

"We're getting thrown in a trick bag by these people and we'd better stand up to it," said one resident, who did not identify himself.

Grayling Charter Township resident Donna Brown, who is a trainer for the Gerrish Township EMS Service, said Frederic Township should be given a chance to provide services to local residents.

"I want a person who cares about that human, cares about that patient and that cares about that family," Brown said.

An equalizer emerged at the township in the form of Doug Paulus, who has 40 years of experience in the EMS field as a paramedic, manager and trainer.

Paulus said there would be plenty of opportunities to slice the pie among EMS services, especially as Baby Boomers begin needing more medical treatment.

"There is a ton of business out here and if we can get our heads together, it's only going to grow," Paulus said.

Long requested business plans from MMR and Frederic Township and asked Paulus if he would be willing to review the documents. Paulus agreed

to take on the task for the community.

"A good business sense has got to rule," Paulus said.

Pratt said Frederic Township would not seek a renewal for its millage to fund EMS if an agreement could be reached with Grayling Charter Township.

Grayling Charter Township Trustee Shawn Kracys, who is the undersheriff for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, said he is always ecstatic when local officials propose to cut taxes.

Ambulance services will next be discussed again at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Crawford County Courthouse. County, city and township officials are slated to meet to go over potential options. Next, a public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The location of the meeting has yet to be identified because county officials want to find a venue large enough to accommodate all of the people interested in the topic.

"Our concern is that everybody is covered," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Chief Ernie Windolf, from the South Branch Fire Department and EMS, said mutual aid agreements between local and departments from surrounding counties, should be taken into consideration. Windolf said that those agreements have worked to ensure services are backed up when there are wildfires or emergencies like the 125 car pile up that occurred north of Grayling in January 1998.

"We take care of our own," Windolf said. "We bounce back and fourth and we take care of each other."

Lovells Township Clerk Cynthia Infante said lowering the tax burden and living within the means of budget dollars available is the way to go.

"We need to find a way to do it with the money that we have," Infante said.

## Man dies after rollover

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling man was killed after a rollover accident in Grand Traverse County last Thursday.

Deputies from the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle accident on M-72 East near Lautner Road in

Acme Township at 11:58 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The preliminary investigation revealed that an eastbound pick-up, driven Barbara Emmitt, 58, of Grayling, lost control, left the roadway and overturned.

Emmitt's husband, Thomas, Allen Emmitt, 62,

of Grayling, was killed during the accident.

Barbara Emmitt was transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for non-life threatening injuries.

The accident is still under investigation.

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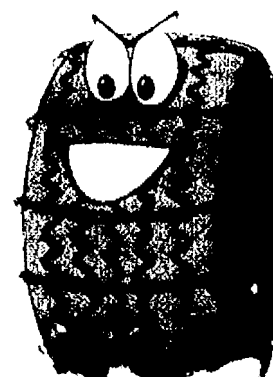
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# American Legion gives Christmas to children



The American Legion Post #106 hosted its annual Christmas party for children in the community earlier this month. Above, a boy visits with Santa Claus at the party.

Photo courtesy of Steve Green

## Layaway angels help brighten the holidays for children and families

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Anonymous donors, dubbed layaway angels, helped make the Christmas holiday better for families by paying off final bills at the Grayling Kmart.

Donors came into Kmart stores across Michigan and nationwide to pay the balance on layaway accounts, which allow shoppers to pay for purchases over several weeks.

The phenomenon started earlier this month, when a woman paid off three layaway charges at a Kmart store in Grand Rapids. Media coverage by heavy hitters such as USA Today, the Washington Post, Yahoo and MSNBC, prompted others to follow suit.

"It started downstate and it went rampant," said Jodi Goodhue, the store manager for the Grayling Kmart. "It was a humbling experience."

Earlier on, Goodhue said a couple, who were traveling through Michigan, headed up the mystery donors, while in Lapeer County near Flint. As they neared Grayling, the urge to give to others had bitten them.

"They just pulled off the expressway and they just came in," Goodhue said. "They knew no one in Grayling. They were just passing through town and thought it was a great idea."

The couple planned to pay on a few layaway purchases each, but ended up paying on a dozen and half accounts before they left the store.

"They got to playing and giggling and going back and fourth until finally they paid 16," Goodhue said. "It was amazing."

Three days before Christmas, an anonymous angel made a difference in Grayling from thousands of miles away. A soldier, fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan, asked his mother to pay on a layaway account rather than sending gifts overseas. The military-mom went to pay on one account, which had already been paid off. A couple from Mio was waiting behind, and wanted to make a payment on their account and put some merchandise back on the shelves.

The military mom paid off the couple's account, and then the couple made the payment they had planned on another layaway purchase.

Josh Paquette, an assistant manager at the Grayling Kmart, said the trifecta of giving was a real tear jerker.

"She just wanted someone to pray for her son," Paquette said. "It was just pure joy and happiness."

The Mio couple, Rebecca and Mike Thompson, had gifts in layaway for their six children.

"It was greatly appreciated and it's just absolutely amazing that people would do something like that," Rebecca said.

Paquette, who has worked 13 years for Kmart and nine as a manager, said he has never seen anything like the anonymous angles.

"I think it's wonderful," he said. "I think it is uplifting and it renews faith in humanity. It's what the season is about."

Most of the donors asked to pay off accounts for layaway accounts, which included toys and items for children.

"Right to the end, people were asking for what they could pay on," Goodhue said. "They did not want to pay on clothing or other items. They wanted to make sure it was all for the kids."

Eric Goscicki and his fiancée Adriane Lester, were informed that their layaway balance was paid off a week before Christmas. Most of the items were gifts for their son Eli, who will turn 2 in March.

"We were excited when they told us," said Goscicki, who works at Stephan Wood Products and part-time at

the Grayling Kmart. "It helped us because we had a lot more Christmas shopping to do. We were very thankful for it."

Paquette and Melissa Klimas, an assistant manager at the Grayling Kmart, boxed up layaways and took them to the doorsteps for shoppers for three final layaways. Employees were unable to reach the shoppers over the phone to inform them of the good deeds.

Paquette said delivering the holidays gifts was heart wrenching.

"We loaded them up in the car and went and delivered them," Paquette said. "That was really cool. We saw smiles, we saw tears and we saw people bewildered because they could not believe what was happening."

About \$500,000 in layaway balances were paid off at Kmart stores nationwide, and donors came forward to pay off \$5,000 at the Grayling Kmart.

Goodhue, who has worked for Kmart for 33 years, said a few layaway accounts were paid off last year, when the company made the option available again to shoppers. Besides giving to Toys for Tots or the Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Association's Shop With A Cop program, Goodhue said she has never seen anything like this in her tenure in the retail business.

"In all my years at Kmart, I've never seen anything to this magnitude," she said.

The military-mom struck a chord with Goodhue, whose son, Mst. Sgt. Brian Goodhue, is currently in Afghanistan overseeing a squadron of F-16 fighter jets, based out of Selfridge

Air Force Base.

"I just know it made my Christmas," said Goodhue, who will celebrate her family Christmas in late January, when her airman returns on leave. "It was nice to have happy tears for a change just to see the joy in everyone."

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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Some interesting things I learned by reading newspapers

**VOTERS SWITCHING** - I see by the newspapers that American voters are a transient lot these days.

*USA Today* reported that more than 2.5 million voters have left the Republican and Democratic parties in the last three years, and now identify themselves as Independents.

Twenty-eight states register voters by party.

In Michigan, voters are registered as voters and not as party members, and we do not register by party to vote in general elections.

However, in primaries - which are functions of the Democratic and Republican parties, although conducted by the state election process - the parties may require voters to declare for one party or the other to receive that party's ballot.

In the newspaper analysis, Republican registration fell in 21 states and Independents grew in 18 states. Democratic registrations fell in 25 of those 28 states.

It should be noted that overall, Democrats lead in party registra-

tions with more than 42 million signed-up voters to 30 million Republicans and 24 million Independents ... but the Democratic lists are down more than the Republican lists.

The *USA Today* analysis also showed that in eight states the newspaper considers "key to next year's presidential race" Democratic registration is down 800,000 and Republicans are down 325,000 registrations.

All of which means, I guess, that in general American voters are not completely satisfied with what either party is attempting to do to (or for) our country, and are not really enamored of any of the top candidates in either party.

It also could mean the time is ripe for non-affiliated candidates in offices ranging from president to drain commissioner ... which could screw up 2012 election results all over the place.

The trend seems to reinforce the consistent public polling that more and more voters are unhappy in general with how governments - which are run by folks these same voters have elected - are perform-

ing, which also explains why politics is so confusing this year.

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**MORE WOLVES** - I see by the newspapers that the wolf no longer is considered an endangered species in Michigan.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has decreed that as of January 27, 2012, Michigan wolves may be killed if they threaten cattle, dogs and other domestic animals ... and I suppose, human persons, too.

Because of a slackening population, wolves were reintroduced into the Upper Peninsula - and also into northern Wisconsin - in the 1980s, and the wolf population has grown to the point where the two states now have an estimated 1,400 wolves, including 131 packs in the U.P., reaching almost seven times the original wolf goal when reintroduction began.

Some wolves are sighted in the Lower Peninsula, but most inhabit the U.P. Gogebic County, which abuts Wisconsin in the western Upper Peninsula, has the highest density of wolf population in the country.

The wolf still is not a game animal, and hunters are not permitted to just shoot them at random, but only in case of endangering livestock or other domestic animals. Wolves are estimated to kill about 25,000 deer annually in Michigan.

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**PLASTIC BAGS** - I see by the newspapers that the city of Seattle is banning plastic bags.

As of July 2012, the single-use plastic bag, used by many shoppers for groceries and other smaller purchases in the retail field, will no longer be permitted.

The new law also provides a five-cent charge paper bags, designed to encourage shoppers to bring their own non-plastic, non-paper bags.

The purpose, of course, is environmental. The ban is designed to reduce pollution and curtail need for landfill space.

According to the *Associated Press* article I read in the newspaper, folks in Seattle use 292 million plastic bags and 68 million paper bags a year, but only 13 percent of the plastic bags are recycled while 82 percent of paper

bags are recycled.

Seattle attacked the plastic bag problem a few years ago with a 20-cent fee on paper and plastic bags, but the fee was rejected by voters in a referendum.

Several other local governments have fees or bans for merchandise bags, including Washington DC, Los Angeles County and San Jose, Calif., Portland, Ore., and Bellingham, Wash.

Sounds like a good idea to me. I usually carry my own fabric bags for grocery shopping when I remember them, but not when shopping for other merchandise. I suppose I could adapt. I also recycle glass, newspapers, cardboard and most other appropriate items.

Plastic waste does indeed endanger the environment.

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And those are just a few items I have learned from reading newspapers in recent weeks.

Happy New Year!

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## Viewpoint

by Kathy Holmes, Big Brothers Big Sisters

### Giving back to your community through Big Brothers Big Sisters

As communities, we are brought together by need. Towns reflect our needs and try to meet them by providing shelter, safety and access to services. Most important of all is our need to connect with other people. Doing so not only provides us with the bare necessities but also enriches and provides meaning to our lives. Besides our parents, we all had someone in our lives that made us feel special and important as children. Feeling valued has a profound effect on other aspects of a child's life. The self-esteem generated by bonding with a role-model who is consistent and supportive improves other relationships in the child's life, improves the quality of their schoolwork and builds bonds which strengthen our community.

Of all the connections that we make in our community, few are more important than bonds formed of friendship. For the past 39 years, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northcentral Michigan has

been committed to helping adults and young people build those key relationships. By matching adult mentors with compatible children we seek to build lasting friendships between Bigs and Littles. With the self-esteem and emotional support provided by these relationships, BBBS has found that Littles are 46 percent less likely to use illegal drugs, 52 percent less likely to skip school, be more confident in their school work and improve relationships with their peers and family. Participating in our site-based or community based programs are an easy way for mentors to make a huge difference in the life of a child from their community.

To be a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters does not require any special skills or background, only a desire to serve your community every week. In our community based program, meetings between Bigs and Littles don't have to be a special occasion of feature an expensive activity. For

as little as an hour per week it is an opportunity for mentor and mentee to spend time together, whether by sharing a meal, a story, or a pickup game. Site based programs provide another opportunity for students to meet with mentors, albeit at school during the school day. The Lunch Buddies programs is a chance for community members to share a meal and then an activity with students during their lunch hours, once a week. The Bigs in Schools programs provides high school students in Rich Moffit's Psychology class the chance to be mentors at Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools.

The value of this to the child cannot be underestimated and the role that you played in their life will always be remembered. If this is a way you would like to give back to your community, please call Kathy Holmes, at 989-732-7780 or visit the Big Brothers Big Sisters website at [bbbsncmi.org](http://bbbsncmi.org) to learn more.

## Letters to the Editor

### Back in the day it was the way

To the editor:

"Back in the day it was the way." Old 27... Now days it only takes one trip on Old 27, north of Frederic, to realize that it is no longer the way. Same goes for 612 both east and west of Frederic in Crawford County. There are numerous accidents

every month due to the poor road conditions. Cars wrecked, power lines and mail boxes taken out. It's only a matter of time till lives are lost. Too bad something can't be done before it's too late.

Scott Norman  
Frederic

## Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## Early Holiday Deadlines:

Our office will be closed on  
Monday, January 2nd.

The Avalanche office will re-open  
on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am.

Deadlines for the January 5th  
issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 29th at noon

Community News: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 3rd at noon

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# Survival show featuring Grayling brothers debuts

Enter the minds of Chris and Casey Keefer as they show you how they survived 28 days in Alaska's backcountry in the Sportsman Channel original production, *Dropped: Project Alaska* presented by Realtree®.

The Keefers, who are from Grayling and gained the love for hunting white-tail deer in area woods, were dropped in a remote part of Alaska where they had to pit their skills as hunters, woodsmen and anglers against an unforgiving landscape.

Produced in conjunction with Rusted Rooster Media and InterMedia Outdoors, the original series premiered exclusively on Sportsman Channel, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, with a special, one-hour episode.

"The Keefers are perfect for this show - they shared the network's desire to do something that would be truly monumental in outdoor TV. What is a better way to do that than by creating a real-life journey of survival set amongst some of the most stunning scenery in the world?" said Greg Trager, vice president of programming and production for the Sportsman Channel.

When the Keefers were "dropped" in September, viewers were able to follow their daily progress via their satellite phone and SPOT messaging system. Their messages were posted on



Above, the Sportsman Channel's original production, *Dropped: Project Alaska* presented by Realtree®, featuring Grayling brothers Chris and Casey Keefer, debuted on Tuesday. The 11-episode series will culminate with a finale on March 13.

Sportsman's Facebook: <http://facebook.com/SportsmanChannel> and on Realtree's page: <http://facebook.com/RealtreeOutdoors>.

"We are using those SPOT messages and video snippets the Keefers shot themselves to provide our viewers a more rounded experience of what they didn't see during the series," Trager said.

The Keefers began their float with only 100 pounds of gear on each of them. They had no provisions in

their backpacks - all their gear was for catching, trapping or killing their food and then preparing it.

"We are bringing our fans face-to-face with the reality of eating only what you can kill," said Casey Keefer. "This was a true test of mind, body and soul - and you'll see from our journals and behind-the-scenes footage we'll share, that it was beyond anything we expected."

As they winded their way over 110 river miles of the most perilous and game-rich

country in the world, the brothers attempted to spot and stalk caribou, moose, black bear and wolf - armed with only a bow. Plus, viewers will see these die-hard bowhunters fly fish.

"Many people will tell you their show is unlike any other - but honestly, this show is unlike any other. What outdoor TV producers purposely try to survive for 28 days in the wilderness?" said Chris Keefer.

The 11-episode series will culminate with a finale on March 13.

## VA Medical Center receives accreditation for special programs

The Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, announced that they have received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for programs that provide care and service to Veterans in Blind Rehabilitation, Compensated Work Therapy, and those participating in Veteran Homelessness initiatives.

What does this mean for veterans and their families? It will assure them the programs follow designed guidelines and regulations, promote the quality and compliance in the type of service provided that veter-

ans deserve, and there is heightened accountability through monitoring of data and reports to ascertain their health and well-being is optimized because of this level of accreditation.

"In November 2011, we completed our inaugural CARF accreditation survey. This was the first time we had ever gone through this type of survey and there was a great deal of work involved by many staff throughout the medical center to get prepared for this review. While the surveyors were here, they commented on the many positive findings and the good outcomes they saw throughout the programs. CARF options at the end of the survey were: no accreditation, provisional

accreditation, one year accreditation, or three year accreditation. When we finished the out-briefing, we knew we had done well, but they could not give us a final report at the time of their exit. The word came on Dec. 21 that the Aleda E. Lutz VAMC has been fully accredited for three years," stated Ms. Denise M. Deitzen, Medical Center Director.

"That is the longest accreditation span we could possibly receive and it is not common to receive a three year accreditation the first time out. What does that mean for us? It means once again, VA staff have been recognized for the excellent care and service we deliver to the Veterans who walk

through our doors," said Deitzen.

The Mission of CARF is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process centering on enhancing and improving the quality of life for those persons served, in this case, United States Veterans.

Accreditation with CARF is recognized internationally, and assures the public of the VA Medical Center's commitment to continuous improvement of organizational management, service delivery, diversity and cultural competence, and acknowledging active participation with all persons served.

## Area Events

**Gaylord** - The Otsego County Tea Party will meet Jan. 9 and 23, at 6 p.m. at Marsh Ridge Resort Bergen Room, 4815 Old 27S. "Meet and Greet" 2012 U.S. Senatorial Republican Primary candidates will be the agenda. For meeting details visit: <http://teapartywire.com/ots> egocountyteaparty/ or email [octeaparty@gmail.com](mailto:octeaparty@gmail.com)

## Raffle Winners

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 24 of \$25 each; Steve Brinks, Bill O'Mara, Brenda Swanson and Rick Vinton.

**Grayling Lions Club**

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Dec. 23 was Patty Hanson.



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### Bariatric Surgery Seminars

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**Traverse City** | Tues., Jan. 10 | 6 - 8 pm | Munson Medical Center

Conference Room 1-3, Lower Level

**Gaylord** | Thurs., Jan. 19 | 6 - 8 pm | Otsego Memorial Hospital, Hospital Classroom

For information or to register, please call 1-888-838-9160, or visit [munsonhealthcare.org/bariatric](http://munsonhealthcare.org/bariatric).

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# The Bible Speaks

## Joy in God's Kingdom

The last blessing identified with God's kingdom in Romans 14:17 is Joy. "17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." "The birth of Jesus Christ was announced with joy in Luke 2:10: "10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Later in Matthew 2:10 the wise men rejoiced with exceeding great joy to be led to find Jesus.

Notice all the blessings of God's kingdom are spiritual for those "...in the Holy Ghost." This required a new birth in the Spirit by faith in Jesus Christ as Jesus taught in John 3:5,6: "5Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Acts 13:52 reminds us that being filled with joy and being filled with the Holy Ghost are synonymous. "52And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13 confirms this truth: "13Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Galatians 5:22 also verifies this fact: "22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." "6And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost." (1 Thess. 1:6).

In 1 Peter 1:8 knowing our Lord Jesus Christ by faith is the greatest source of joy: "8Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." In John 16:22 Jesus promised His disci-

ples possession of His joy even during sorrow "22And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." In John 16:24 Jesus promised us joy through prayer in His name: "24Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." In John 17:13 Jesus prayed to the Father to give us joy through His words: "13And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11).

Winning souls to Jesus Christ brings great joy even in Heaven. (Luke 15:7). Jesus anticipated this joy as He died on the cross for our sins. (Hebrew 12:2). In Acts 15:3 declaring the conversion of the gentiles "...caused great joy unto all the brethren." In Hebrews 10:34 even persecution did not destroy joy: "34For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took the joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance." 1 John 1:4 teaches us the joy of reading God's word: "4And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." John taught us in 3 John 1:4: "4I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Our future hope and joy is Matthew 25:23: "23His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

### John C. Stampfly

John Corliss Stampfly, 72, of Grayling, passed away on December 21, 2011.

John was born in Lansing, on September 5, 1939, son of the late Thelma (Bellefeuille) and Corliss Stampfly.

John worked along side his sister, Marilyn, at the Lone Pine Restaurant. Owner of Stampfly Sawmill, previous owner of the South End Leonard Gas Station and Sun and Snow Equipment.

He was a retired DNR keyman and previous firefighter for City of Grayling.

John loved outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, feeding the deer, gathering mushrooms, berries, acorns and fighting forest fires for the DNR.

He is survived by daughter, Maryah (Rick) Rohde of Grayling; son, Jeffery (Renee) Stampfly of Munising; grandchildren: Ian and Keira Stampfly, Darien and Erik Rohde; sisters: Ann Buszard, of Livonia, Marilyn Stampfly of Grayling; brothers: Tom (Penny) Stampfly of Kalkaska, Bob (Sandy) Stampfly of Dewitt; special friend, Sharon Helsel; nieces and nephews: Brad (Michelle) Buszard, Laura (James) Welcher, Randy (Annette) Stampfly, Ginger Kreft, Penny (Mark) Rutledge, Christopher (Deanna) Stampfly, Kevin (Melissa) Stampfly; several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents; and brother-in-law Bruce Buszard.

A funeral was held on Friday, December 23, 2011 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Dr. Robert Barnett officiating.

Interment will be at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Family request that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the family or AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent c/o Lone Pine Restaurant, 1164 South I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738 or www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Charles C. Howden

Charles C. Howden, 73, of Frederic, formerly of Standish, passed away December 20, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

He was born on December 18, 1938, to George and Betty (Christopher) Howden in Standish.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Vicki) Howden of Grayling; special friends, Elaine Baldwin; one granddaughter, Ashley Howden; two brothers, Joseph and Ken (Pam).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall in Frederic.

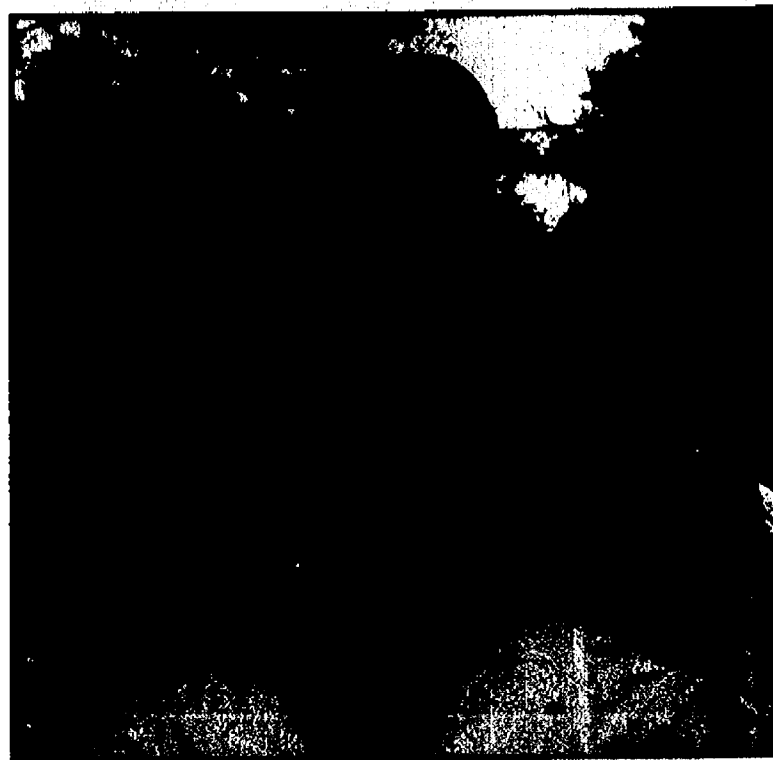
### Thomas A. Emmitt

Thomas Allen Emmitt, 62, of Grayling, passed away on December 22, 2011.

A memorial service was held at Grayling Assembly of God on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## Dunaj, Hollingsworth engaged



### Victoria Dunaj and Jaysen Hollingsworth

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Morrison, announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Claire Dunaj to Jaysen Edward Hollingsworth, the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hollingsworth.

Jaysen is a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 28, 2012.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 30 - Closed.

Monday, Jan. 2 - Closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, carrots and pears. Dinner - chicken stir-fry, rice, asparagus and pineapple. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Creating Healthy habits Class, 10 a.m. Zumba Gold and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and fruit cocktail. Dinner - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple and lemon bars. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool- Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Jan. 5 - Lunch - meatloaf and gravy, boiled potatoes, peas and carrots, apple and brownies. Dinner - tuna steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and applesauce. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, Unlucky 7's, pool - 8 Ball.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Jan. 5-11 will be as follows:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Jan. 8-11.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

## Card of Thanks

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association would like to thank everyone in the community for their support with the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree sales. The Deputy Sheriff's Association would like to add an additional thanks to Ken Stoddard, Glen Carlson, Jim Jones and JJ's Motor Mall, Charlie Fick and Fick and Sons Propane, The Grayling Moose Lodge, Capt. John Lindsey, Phil Hilbriter, Mark and Deanne Swiercz, Lee and Elaine Riley, Tom Haskel, Grayling K-mart, Grayling EZ Mart and the Grayling Ladies Eagles Auxiliary for their additional support and donations. We couldn't do it without you.

God Bless and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association



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Sunday School: 9am

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## MFMFC holds fifth annual luncheon with Santa

The Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee (MFMFC) held a special lunch date on Dec. 16 with Santa. It was his fifth annual trip to the fire training grounds to be with the children of C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District.

The children, along with staff, were together with Santa for lunch and other goodies prepared by Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee. Much of the food prepared was donated by either individuals or businesses in the area. Any food that was not donated was bought by MFMFC.

MFMFC also bought presents for each child making sure that they received a gift off an earlier submitted Christmas wish list. Each child also received a new hat and some gloves to prepare them for the winter.

After singing Christmas carols, visiting with Santa, opening gifts, and decorating cookies with Linda



The Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee held a special lunch date with Santa and the children of C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District on Dec. 16.

Goodale from Goodale's Bakery, the children returned to school.

The members of MFMFC have, this year, elected to

tighten their budget. By doing this, they have been able to put programs like this on, plus have increased donations to other organiza-

tions in the community that help the less fortunate in our area.

## Help for homeless veterans

Homelessness should not be one of the problems facing veterans returning from deployment or older veterans later in their life. However, statistics show approximately one in 10 of the nations homeless population are veterans.

Jason Allen, director of

Michigan's Veteran's Affairs Directorate is reaching out to those in need by encouraging veterans to discuss their benefit eligibility with their county Veteran Affairs office or veterans service organizations.

"Many Michigan veterans don't realize there are

potential grants available through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund to help families in need. This funding is specifically set aside to help eligible wartime service veterans. As director of Veteran's Affairs, I want to ensure veterans to learn about and apply for the benefits created by federal and state law. By contacting a county Veteran's Affairs office or veterans service organization they can receive application assistance for these benefits," said Allen.

Almost every county in the state has a Veteran's Affairs office. The county counselors and veterans service officers are knowledgeable about the programs available and rules for application. "There are great services out there for our

veterans. If you are a homeless veteran in need, please pick up the phone and dial our national call center for homeless veterans at 877-424-3838," added Allen.

For more information about county offices visit the Michigan Veteran's Affairs web site at www.michigan.gov/veterans and follow the link for "County Contacts for Veterans" on the left side of the page. You can find contact information about veterans service officers at the same web site by choosing "Federal Benefits" and selecting "State Service Officers" from the dropdown menu.

For more information contact the state Veterans' Affairs Directorate at 517-335-6523 or email to dmva-webmaster@michigan.gov.

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# Geography Bee Champ Crowned



This years Grayling Middle School Geography Bee winner was Anna Fisher. The second place finisher was Connor Beard (left), while third place went to Ryan Weeks (right).

All of the Grayling Middle School students participated in seven rounds of a Geography Bee preliminary competition. The school-wide champion was determined on Dec. 19 with a final competition with 10 finalists from all three grade levels. The finalists were: Savannah Cunningham, Anna Fisher, Reece Ferrigan, Connor Beard, Roger Walsh, Mallory Stephan, Ryan Weeks, Garrett Anderson, Emily Jackson and Savannah Putnam. Fisher and Beard went into a sudden death playoff and Fisher was victorious.

## Library News

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. The Devereaux Memorial Library is hosting authors Tom and Veronica Davids on Friday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. Their book "Wrestling the ABC's" is the first ever picture book on the sport of amateur wrestling! Presale copies are available for personalization by calling Jane at 989-348-9214 or stop by Devereaux for an order form. Books will also be available on the evening of the event.

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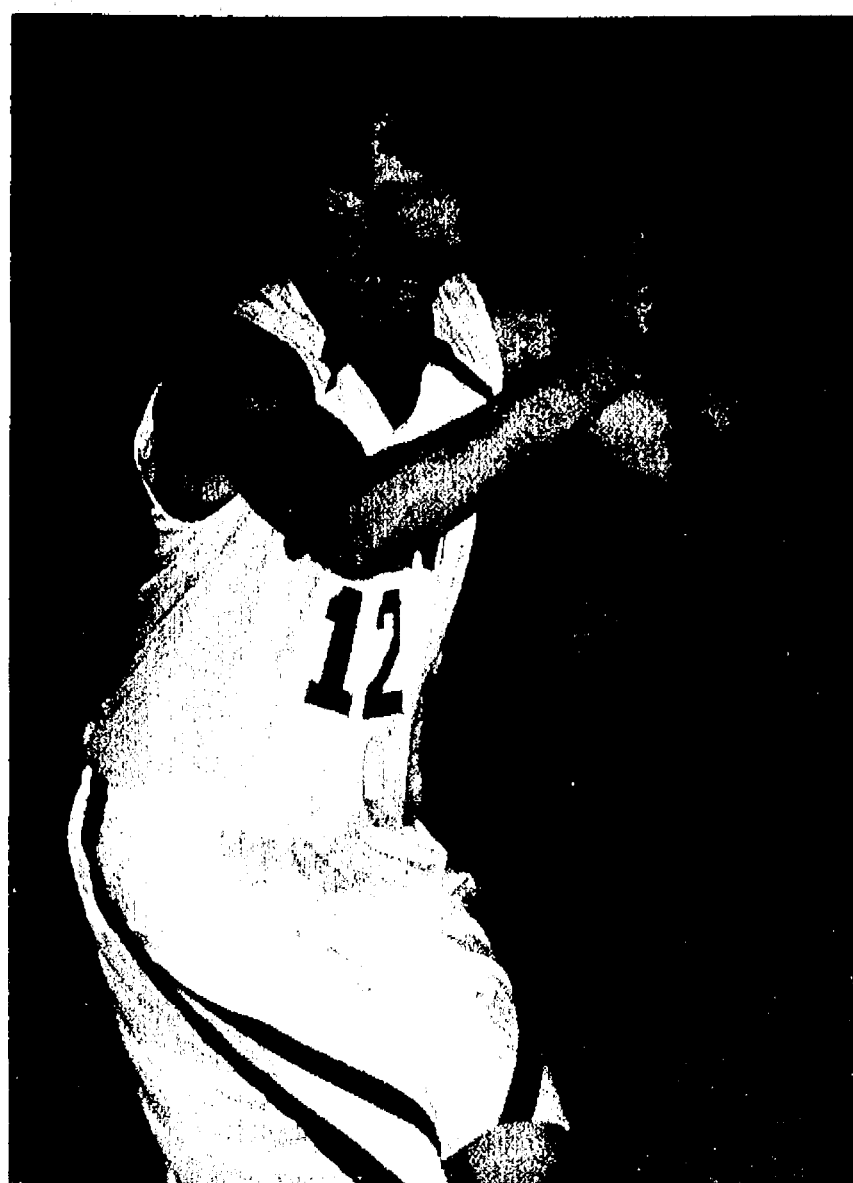
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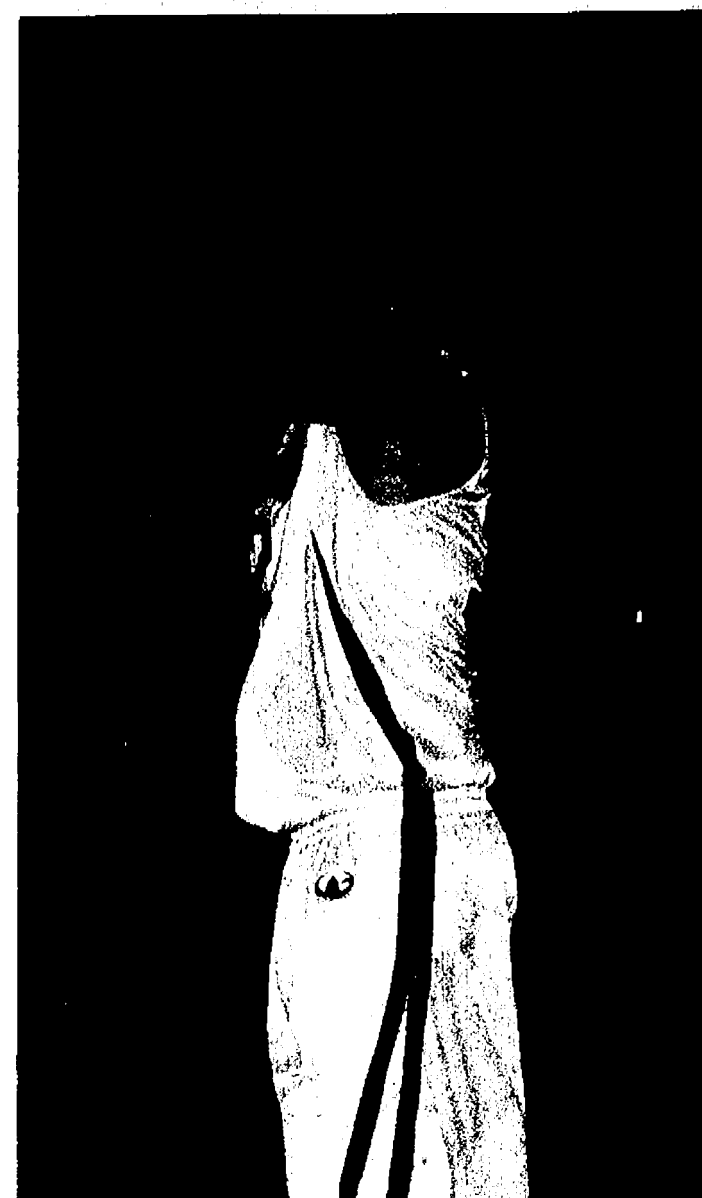
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Zane Tobin shoots the ball for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday.



Tyler McClanahan dribbles the ball for the Vikings during Tuesday's game.



Steven Enos takes a three-point shot vs. Elk Rapids.

## Free throws in final seconds win it for Grayling, 50-49

### Vikings trail for 30 of 32 minutes, rally late vs. Elks

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

There's 32 minutes of clock time in a varsity boys basketball game. On Tuesday night, in a battle of Lake Michigan Conference teams, Elk Rapids led Grayling for more than 30 of those 32 minutes, but the Vikings rallied in the fourth quarter to win 50-49.

Grayling, the home team, scored the first basket of the game with a lay-up by Riley Zigila following the contest's tip-off.

Elk Rapids scored the game's next 10 points, hitting two three-pointers and two two-point baskets. Elk Rapids' triple at the 6:14 mark put the Elks in front, and they maintained an advantage — at times in double figures — throughout the match until the game's final seconds.

Grayling scored nine points total in the first quarter with Zigila's lay-up, a drive by Steven Enos, two free throws from Zigila, and a three-pointer by Jake Swander.

Elk Rapids led 17-9 going into the second quarter.

Grayling wasn't able to

pull any closer than five points from Elk Rapids' lead in the second period. The Vikings scored 16 points in the quarter with an inside shot by Enos, two free throws from Enos, a triple by Enos, a lay-up by Devon Dawson, a three-point play by Thomas Burrell, two free throws by Zane Tobin, and two free throws by Zigila.

Elk Rapids led by seven, 32-25, at halftime.

Neither team generated much offense in the third quarter. Elk Rapids scored nine; Grayling scored six. Burrell, Swander, and Enos hit field goals for the Vikings in the period.

Elk Rapids led by 10, 41-31, going into the fourth quarter.

Grayling battled back. Enos scored a lay-up to start the fourth period. Elk Rapids scored to go back up by 10.

The Vikings scored eight unanswered points to pull within two, 43-41. The 8-0 run included lay-ups by Scott Parkinson and Tyler McClanahan, an inside shot by Tobin, and a jumper by Burrell.

Elk Rapids scored. Burrell hit an inside shot to pull Grayling back within two. The Elks scored the next four points to lead by six, 49-43, with 3:01 remaining in regulation.

Tobin hit a three-pointer at the 2:45 mark to cut Elk Rapids' lead to three. Enos scored on an inside shot with 55 seconds remaining, cutting Elk Rapids' advantage to one point.

Elk Rapids turned the ball over on an offensive foul.

Tobin drove to the basket and drew a foul with 4.7 seconds left in regulation. He hit both free throws, giving Grayling a one-point edge — the team's first lead since early in the first period.

The Elks got the ball in bounds and shot from near the three-point line at the buzzer. The shot didn't go in and Grayling won 50-49.

Enos finished with 15 points. Tobin and Burrell each scored nine points. Zigila had six points and Swander had five.

"Elk Rapids got off to a fast start and we were forced to play a style that is not advantageous to our team.

#### Lake Michigan Conference

##### Boys Basketball

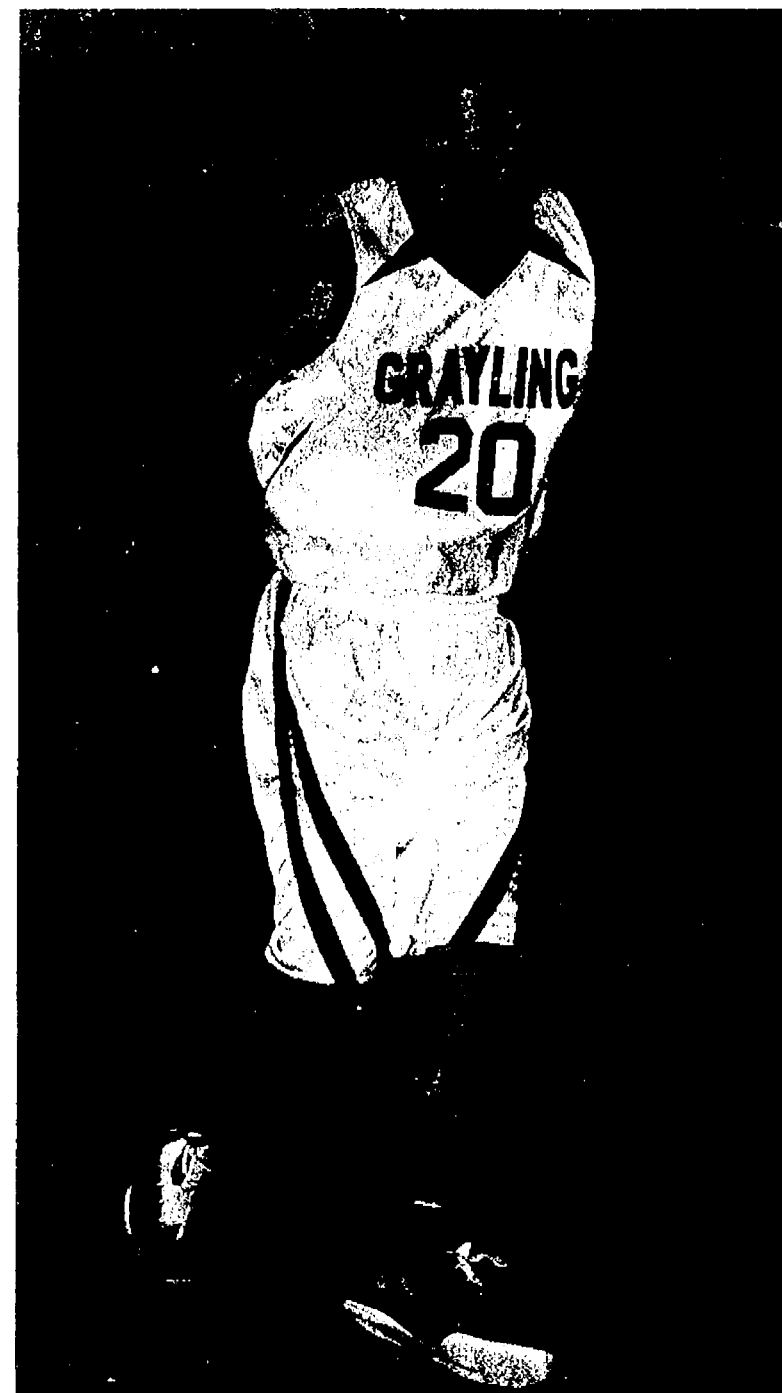
GRAYLING	2-0
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##### Last week's scores

Grayling 50, Elk Rapids 49  
Boyne City 48, St. Francis 66  
Kalkaska 47, Charlevoix 80  
Harbor Springs 70, E. Jordan 53  
Kalkaska 36, St. Francis 87

We had to run a box in one defense to try to slow down standout Luke Morrison, who had 18 points at the half," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We played an outstanding fourth quarter and our kids showed a lot of character down the stretch. Our free throw shooting was outstanding. Zane Tobin showed great poise in hitting two free throws with 4.7 seconds left."

The Vikings (4-1 overall, 2-0 league) will play at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Riley Zigila dribbles the ball for the Vikings vs. the Elks on Tuesday.



Jake Swander handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.

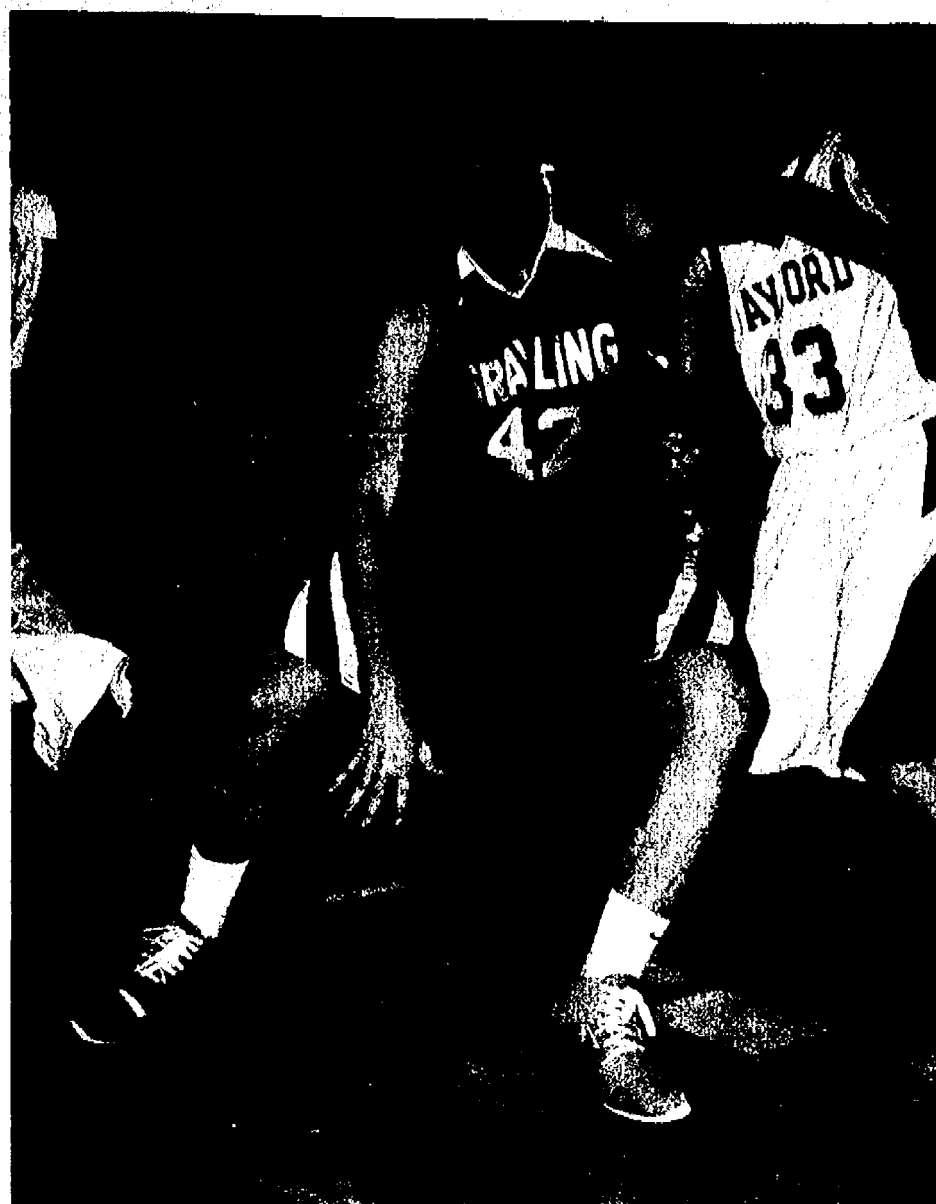


Thomas Burrell fights for the ball during last week's league game against Elk Rapids.



# Crawford County Avalanche Sports

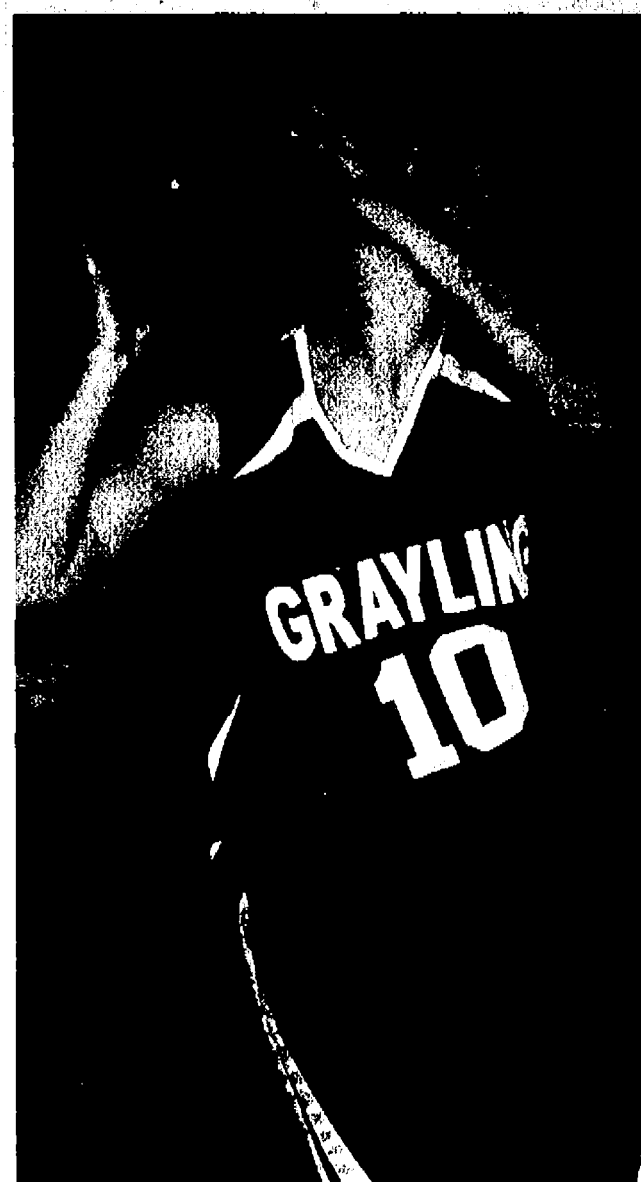
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Griffin Dean dribbles the ball for Grayling during last week's game at Gaylord.



Scott Parkinson shoots a lay-up for the Vikings vs. the Blue Devils.



Mason Krey handles the ball for Grayling during Thursday's game.

## Varsity squad pulls away in 2nd, 3rd quarters, wins 69-48

Victory at Gaylord improves basketball team's record to 4-1

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team won 69-48 vs. the Gaylord Blue Devils in a nonconference game at Gaylord on Thursday night.

It was close after one quarter, but the Vikings pulled away in the middle two periods, outscoring Gaylord 41-18 in the second and third quarters combined.

Grayling scored its 17 first period points with a three-point play by Devon Dawson, a drive by Steven Enos, a triple by Enos, an inside shot by Griffin Dean, and free throws from Zane Tobin, Jake Swander, Thomas Burrell, and Dawson.

Gaylord led 13-5 at one point, hitting two three-pointers in the first four minutes of regulation, but the Vikings outscored the Blue Devils 12-1 in the last 4:26 of the first quarter.

Grayling extended its lead with a 10-0 run to start the second period. The series included two triples by Enos, a put-back by Dean, and drives by Enos and Tobin. The Vikings scored eight more points before half-time with a put-back by Scott

Parkinson and free throws from Wes Dean, Tyler McClanahan, Tobin, and Swander.

Grayling led 37-25 at half-time.

The Vikings dominated the third quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 21-7.

Burrell hit two inside shots. Tobin hit a triple at the 5:59 mark. Tobin drove to the basket for two. At the 5:20 mark, Burrell hit an inside shot for the first two points of what would eventually be a 12-0 run. The series also included two free throws from Burrell, two baskets by McClanahan, a put-back by W. Dean, and a lay-up by Parkinson.

The Vikings had a 58-32 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Grayling edged Gaylord 11-10 in the final eight minutes of the game, scoring 11 points with a lay-up by McClanahan, five free throws from Enos, an inside shot by Louis Menard, and a drive by Parkinson.

Grayling won by 21, 69-48.

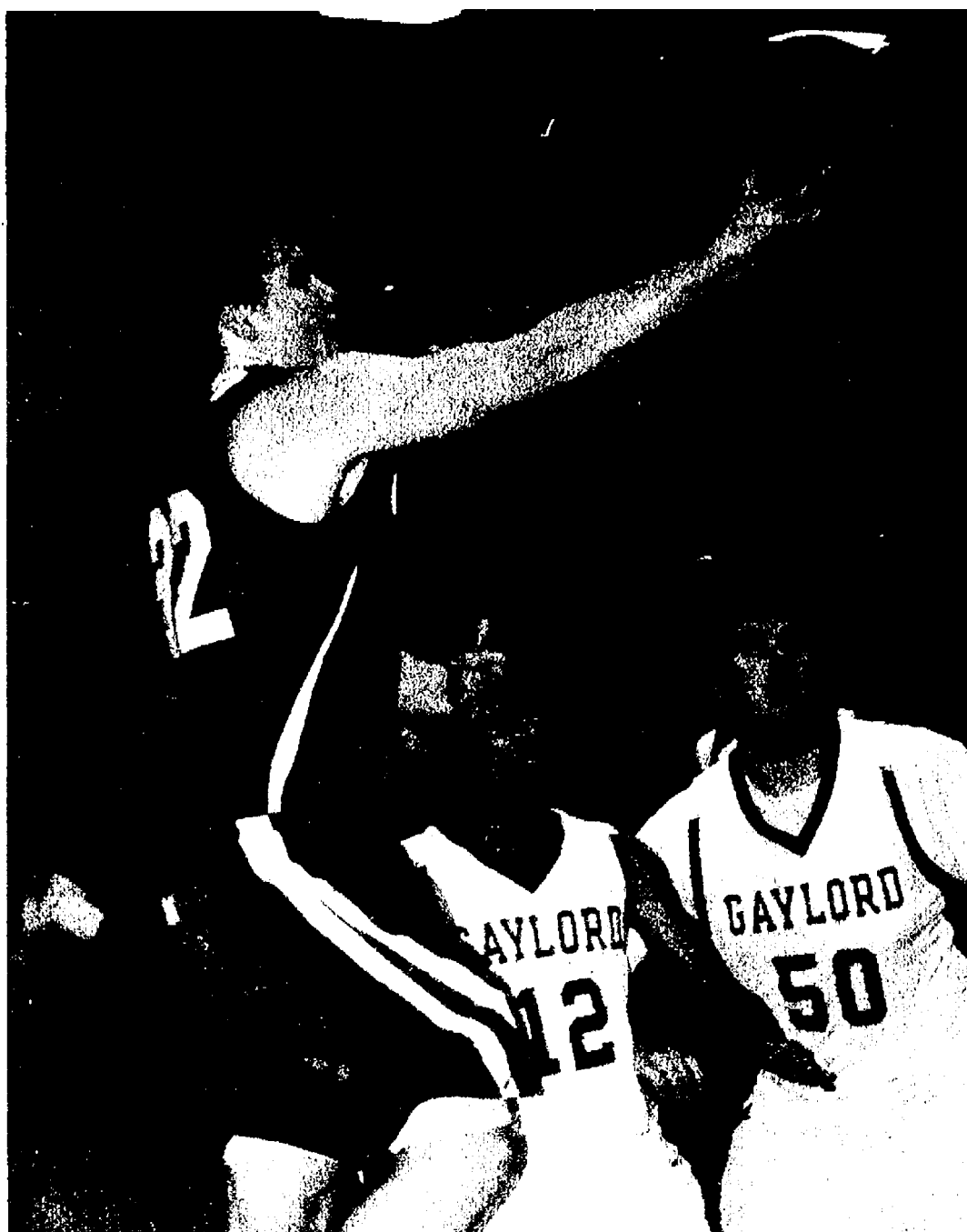
Ten different Vikings scored at least two points in the contest. Enos finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds, and five steals. Tobin had 10 points and eight rebounds. Burrell also had

10 points and eight rebounds. McClanahan had eight points and eight assists. Parkinson had six points and seven steals.

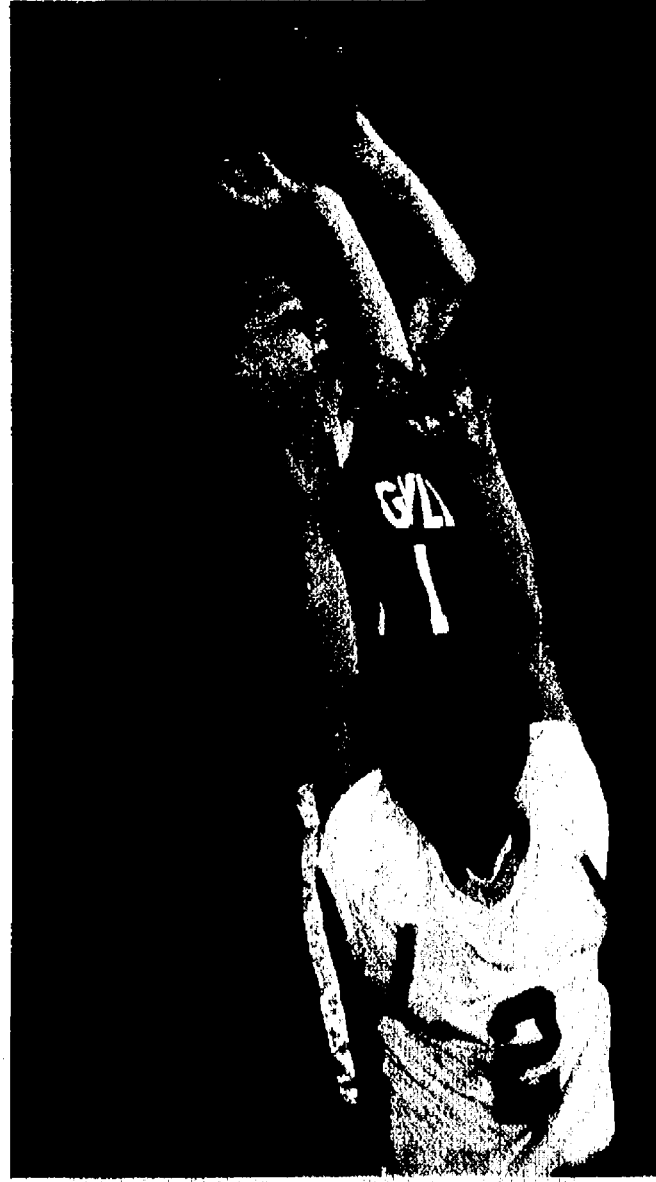
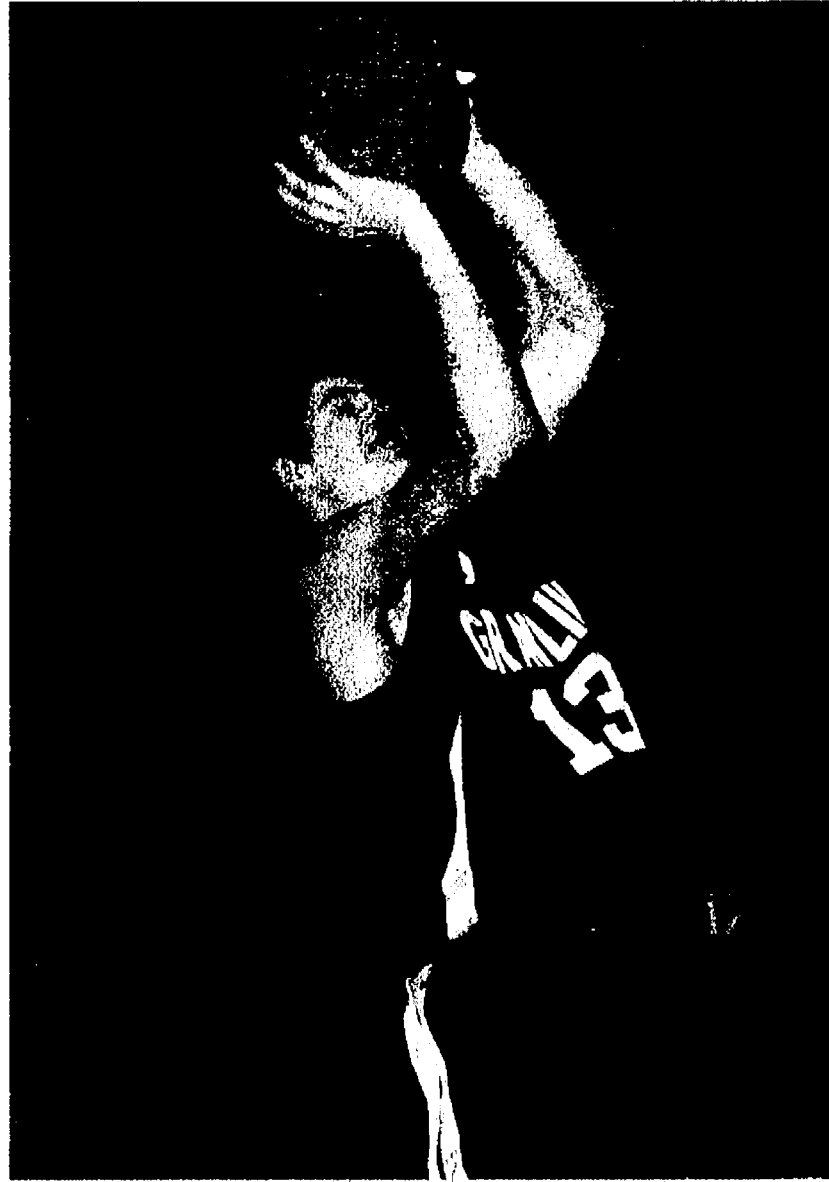
"Very pleased with the enthusiasm and effort that our team played with tonight. We did an outstanding job of running our transition break and moving the ball to the open man. Defensively, we forced 30 turnovers and I was pleased with our intensity," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"We had a number of players contribute tonight. Our interior players - (Steven) Enos, (Griffin) Dean, (Thomas) Burrell, and (Wes) Dean - played well defensively and hit the boards hard," Coach Moffit said. "I was impressed with our perimeter players' defensive pressure. (Tyler) McClanahan, (Devon) Dawson, and (Scott) Parkinson did a nice job of applying pressure. McClanahan and (Jake) Swander did a good job of managing the game from the point guard position. Zane Tobin was solid. Enos was outstanding with his work on the boards."

The victory improved Grayling's overall record to 4-1.



Steven Enos drives to the basket for a lay-up during last week's game at Gaylord High School.



Louis Menard, left, Wes Dean, center, and Devon Dawson, right, shoot the ball for the Vikings during Thursday's 69-48 nonconference victory at Gaylord High School.

Photos by Caleb Casey

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Danny Schultz (135) grapples with a Gaylord opponent on Wednesday.



Brandon Handrich (160) tries for a pin vs. Gaylord.

## Vikings fall to Gaylord, Rogers City in 4-team wrestling meet

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS wrestling squad lost both of its matches on Wednesday night in a four-team meet hosted by Grayling High School.

First, Grayling wrestled Gaylord while the Kingsley Stags battled the Rogers City Hurons. Rogers City defeated Kingsley 49-24.

Grayling trailed 16-0 early in its series vs. the Gaylord Blue Devils. Gaylord won the first three weight classes — one by forfeit, one by pin, and one by decision (12-1).

Cody Elmy (125) pinned his Gaylord counterpart in the second round. Zack Cheney (130) won by default. Gaylord led 16-12.

The Blue Devils won at 135 with a third round pin. Gaylord won by decision (10-7) at 140. The Blue Devils scored pins in the next two matches — 145 and 152 — to lead 37-12.

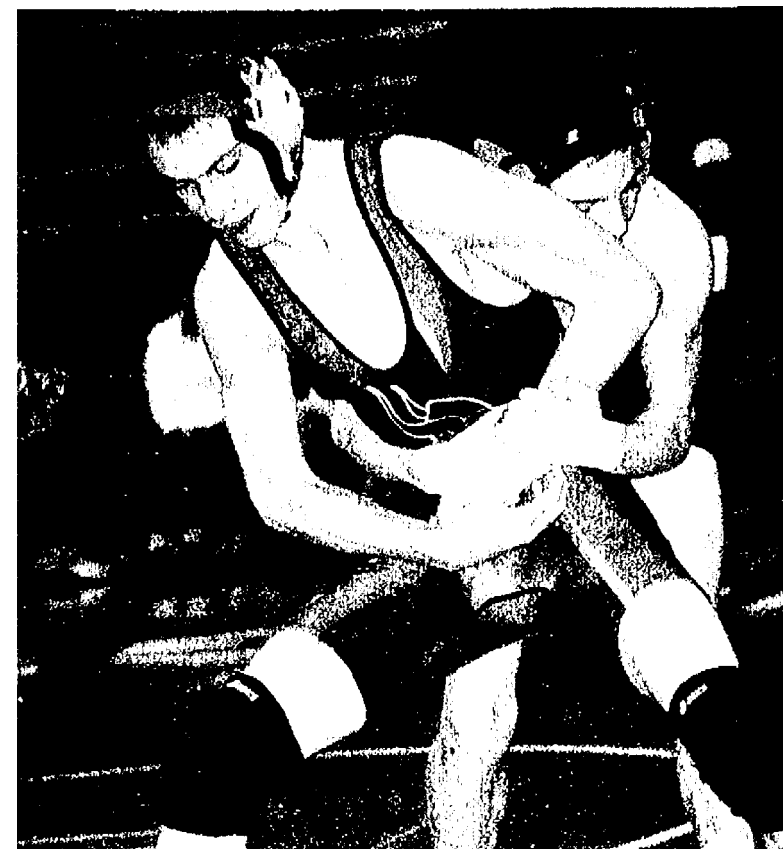
Brandon Handrich (160) pinned his Gaylord opponent in the second round. Ty Jensen won a 9-3 decision at 171 for the Vikings.

The Blue Devils led 37-21 with three weight classes remaining.

Gaylord won a 17-9 decision at 189, clinching the series win. Grayling forfeited at 215. The Blue Devils won the heavyweight division with a 5-4 decision.

Final score: Gaylord 50, Grayling 21.

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Ghayge Toomey (119) battles a Rogers City opponent during Wednesday's meet.



Zack Cheney (130) wrestles against Rogers City for the Vikings.



Cody Elmy (125) holds a Gaylord opponent on Wednesday.



Zach Joseph battles a Gaylord opponent in the heavyweight division.



Ty Jensen (171) goes for a pin vs. Rogers City during Wednesday's meet at GHS.



Jacob Thomas (152), left, and Nolan Ryan (145), right, wrestle against their Gaylord counterparts on Wednesday night.



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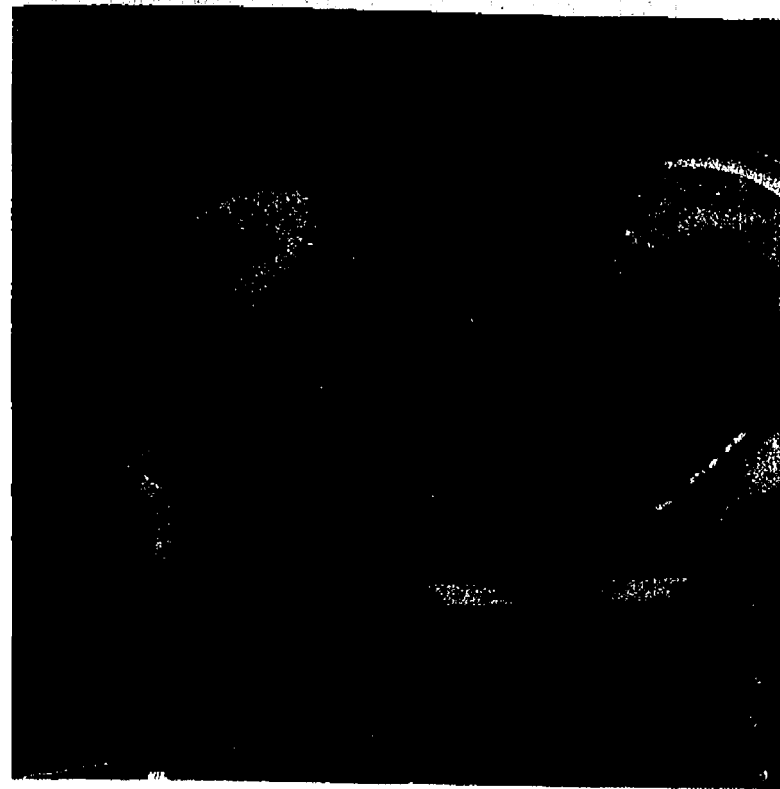
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# Vikings fall to Gaylord, Rogers City in 4-team wrestling meet



Jeff Myers (189) battles a Gaylord opponent on Wednesday night.

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Gaylord then wrestled against Kingsley and Grayling faced Rogers City.

Rogers City won the first five weight classes – 112, 119, 125, 130, and 135 – with two pins and three decisions.

Blake Hatfield (140) won by pin in the first round for Grayling.

Rogers City won by pin at 145.

Jacob Thomas (152) won by default. Handrich (160) scored a pin in the first round for his second victory of the night. Jensen (171) also won for the second time, pinning his Rogers City counterpart in the first

round. Rogers City led 28-24 with four weight classes remaining.

Grayling forfeited at 189. Rogers City won by pin at 215 and at heavyweight.

Kyle Birdsall (103) won by default for GHS in the last weight class of the series.

Rogers City won 46-30. Gaylord defeated Kingsley 60-16 in the other match.

"We needed to wrestle some good teams like this to get us prepared for the state tournament," Coach Andy Moore said.

The Vikings (4-0 league) will wrestle in the Freeland Invitational on Wednesday, Dec. 28.



Blake Hatfield (140) wrestles against Gaylord on Wednesday.

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH and PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Forty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$155,045.95), including interest at 6.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 1, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL "A-1" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.006300 (12-29)(1-19)

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### NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George K. Bindschattel and Kimberly M. Bindschattel, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Interactive Financial Corp, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 25, 2008 and recorded July 3, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 232, and Affidavit correcting legal description recorded in Liber 700, Page 447., Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred One and 69/100 Dollars (\$212,801.69) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 25, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel Number 1: Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes East 563.2 feet, thence North 9 degrees 35 minutes East, 1323.7 feet, thence North 27 degrees 35 minutes East, 262.85 feet to a stake and the point of beginning; thence North 80 degrees 25 minutes West, 100 feet, thence North 16 degrees 42 minutes East, 100.8 feet, thence South 80 degrees 25 minutes East 120 feet, thence South 27 degrees 35 minutes West, 105.15 feet to the point of beginning. Including all riparian right to the Ausable River on the Westerly side of said tract of ingress and egress over and across the 30 foot private easements running in a Southerly direction from said tract.

And Parcel Number 2: Commencing at a point which is North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East 902.29 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, thence South 1 degree 55 minutes 06 seconds West, 279.36 feet, thence South 79 degrees 33 minutes 06 seconds East, 33.74 feet, thence South 4 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds East, 179.13 feet, thence South 4 degrees 09 minutes 54 seconds East, 400.0 feet, thence South 28 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds West, 32.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 79 degrees 55 minutes 06 seconds East, 153.09 feet, thence South 1 degree 00 minutes 20 seconds West, 101.27 feet, thence North 79 degrees 35 minutes 06 seconds West, 201.56 feet, thence North 28 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds East, 105.15 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the West 1/2 of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 22, 2011  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 703.0977  
(12-22)(01-12)

-22-29-5-12

### NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danielle Weatherly, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005 and recorded April 4, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 509, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five and 65/100 Dollars (\$46,555.65)

including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 18, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and described as follows: Parcel 2: Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence South 1 degree 42 minutes West along the North and South 1/4 line, 290.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 1 degree 42 minutes West, 300 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West, 510.02 feet; thence Northwesterly, 322.50 feet along the arc of a 0 degree 30 minutes 24 seconds curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11,309.16 feet and a long chord bearing North 21 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds West, 322.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 634.9 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 15, 2011  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 650.1440  
(12-15)(01-05)

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### NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009. Notice is hereby provided to Betty Lou Kritzman and Peter W. Kritzman, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 213 STATE STREET, GRAYLING, MI 49738 that the mortgage is in default. The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspclegal.com. Betty Lou Kritzman and Peter W. Kritzman also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel). If Borrower(s) requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding

will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrower(s) pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009. If Designated Agent and Borrower(s) agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower(s) abide by the terms of the modified mortgage. Borrower(s) have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (Tel). Pub Date: December 29, 2011 SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 FSB.004315 (12-29)

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### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lisa M Nisch And Jeff T Nisch, Wife And Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, INC, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2007, and recorded on May 17, 2007, in Liber 686, Page 949, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was corrected by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error dated May 11, 2010 and recorded May 18, 2010 in Liber 700, Page 536 and was recorded on June 1, 2010 in Liber 700, Page 665, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 34/100 (\$142,909.34) including interest at the rate of 7.950000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 18, 2012. Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, and part of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Town 27 West, Range 4 West described as: Beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 35 a distance of 657.87 feet and South 89 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds West 81.31 feet from the South quarter of said Section 35; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West 680.72 feet to the centerline of May Lake Road; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes west along said centerline 118.64 feet; thence continuing along said centerline South 74 degrees 02 minutes 49 seconds West 383.65 feet; thence along said centerline North 74 degrees 07 minutes West 135.00 feet; thence North 03 degrees 32 minutes 18 seconds East 745.34 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds East 582.24 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 10.02 acres more or less. Subject to and long with the right of ingress and egress and public utilities over a 66 foot wide easement, centerline of said easement described as beginning at the Southeast corner of above described parcel; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East 680.72 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 7536 Maylake Rd The redemption period shall be 12.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: December 15, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 110M100674-1 (12-15)(01-05)

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### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Lee A. Danner and Helen L. Danner, husband and wife as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Charterwest Mortgage LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005 and recorded April 11, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 889 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage Inc., by assignment dated June 8, 2011 and recorded June 21, 2011 in Liber 705, Page 422, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$88,382.42) including interest 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 11, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the West one half of Lot 5, of Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 11, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 1000 Ogemaw Street, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/08/2011 CitiMortgage Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-51190 (12-08)(12-29)

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## Legal Action

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Mortgagee to The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-BC2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Six and 06/100 Dollars (\$87,956.06), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing Southeast corner of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the East line of said Section 33.08 feet; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West along the Northerly right of way of North Down River Road 323.00 feet to a found 1/2 bar at the intersection of the Northerly right of way North Down River Road and the Westerly right of way of Dale Street and the boundary of the recorded Plat of Pine Grove Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records, for a point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds East (recorded as North 00 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds East (recorded as North 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East 120.00 feet) along the Westerly right of way of Dale Street and said Plat 120.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West along said Plat 76.42 feet to a set 1/2X18 steel rebar with plastic cap marked "MEM 31600"; thence South 02 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds 119.75 feet to the Northerly right of way of North Down River Road and a set 1/2X18 steel rebar with plastic cap marked MEM 31600; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East along said right of way 70.18 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.201 acres more or less. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 8, 2011 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #385254F01 (12-08)(12-29)

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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### NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Richard G. Davis and Bonnie L. Davis, as Borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5480 Sand Hill Rd, Frederic, MI 49733-9711. The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302 The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432. If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 23, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 23, 2011. If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: December 29, 2011 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File # 379903F02 (12-29)

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 11-8441-CJ  
PATRICIA A. SAJDAK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CDC & COMPANY, INC., d/b/a Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish Company, a Michigan Corporation; and  
STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-COLLECTIONS; and  
STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGENCY formerly known as DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGENCY; and  
RANDY THOMPSON,  
Defendants.

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(313) 456-2210

### AMENDED NOTICE OF COUNTY CLERK'S SALE OF FORECLOSURE

Public notice is hereby given, that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure and Order of Sale entered by the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 10th day of November, 2011, in favor of Patricia A. Sajdak, Plaintiff, and against CDC & Company, Inc., d/b/a Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish Company, a Michigan Corporation and other Defendants, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at a public auction to be held at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Tuesday, the 31st of January, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, the following described real estate:

Situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, viz:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Commencing at the East 1/4 corner

of Section 18, thence S89°21'W along East and West 1/4 line 100 feet; thence S02°05'40"W parallel with East Section line 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S02°05'40"W 133.60 feet; thence N87°04'30"W 149.85 feet; thence N02°05'40"E 124.25 feet; thence N89°21'E 150 feet to the Point of Beginning AND Commencing at the East 1/4 corner Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence S89°21'W along the 1/4 line 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S2°05'40"W 100 feet; thence S89°21'W 198 feet, thence N2°05'40"E 100 feet, thence N89°21'E 198 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also, by separate sale, I will be selling the interest of Defendant, CDC & Company, Inc., d/b/a Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish Company, in a certain license to sell alcoholic beverages issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Dated: November, 2011.

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk

John E. Rosezyk (P22847)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 535  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-8966

### Notice of Borrower's Rights Under MCL § 600.3205A

THE LAW OFFICES OF WENZLOFF & WENZLOFF, P.L.C.  
903 North Jackson Street  
Bay City, Michigan 48708-5953

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**Notice of Borrower's Rights Under MCL § 600.3205A.** This Notice of Borrower's Rights Under MCL § 600.3205A is given to LISA MARIE BANCROFT (a/k/a Lisa M. Bancroft Rockhold), Borrower and Mortgagor, pursuant to a Mortgage dated September 19, 2003, regarding property commonly known as 5130 Old 27 North, Frederic, Michigan 49733. A separate Notice is also being sent to you by mail, as required by MCL 600.3205A. You are hereby notified that you have the right to request a meeting with NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, the holder of the above mortgage to attempt to work out a modification of this mortgage. The person to contact at NORTHLAND

AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION that has the authority to make agreements for loan modifications with you pursuant to MCL 600.3205B and MCL 600.3205C is Helen Obremski at 800-336-2328.

You may contact a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) approved housing counselor by visiting the MSHDA website at www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling (517) 373-8370. If you request a meeting with Helen Obremski during the fourteen (14) day period that begins on the date the Notice is mailed to you, foreclosure proceedings on the property will not begin until 90 days after the date on which the Notice is mailed to you. If you and Helen Obremski reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if

you abide by the terms of the modification agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
4346 East F-41, Post Office Box 519, Oscoda, Michigan 48750  
800-336-2328

THE LAW OFFICES OF WENZLOFF & WENZLOFF, P.L.C.  
PAUL E. WENZLOFF (P27662)  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
903 North Jackson Street  
Bay City, Michigan 48708-5953  
(989) 893-9511

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### LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Regular Meetings of the Township Board for January, February and March 2012 have been changed from 7 PM to 10 AM. The dates will remain the same (second Tuesday of each month) and the location has not changed (Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road).

Cynthia Infante

Lovells Township Clerk

(989) 348-9215

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing January 5, 2012@10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, MI. 49738-00648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for Federal and State aid funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office by phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

### LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached ordinance was enacted by the Lovells Township Board on December 13, 2011 at the Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board. The Ordinance will be effective eight days following publication of this notice and the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. A copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours or by appointment with the Township Clerk.

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS  
Cynthia Infante, Clerk  
8405 Twin Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

### ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

Community Name: Lovells Township, County: Crawford County

### Ordinance number 12-13-11

An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Lovells located in Crawford County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Township of Lovells ordains:

**Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED.** Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Director of Building and Zoning of the County of Crawford is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Lovells under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The County of Crawford assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act through out the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

**Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED.** Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the Township of Lovells.

**Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Crawford County, Michigan" and dated April 17, 2012 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 0075, 0100, 0210, 0215, 0220 and 0250 and dated April 18, 2012 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

**Section 4. REPEALS.** All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.



# Features

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## A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 29, 1988 - The boys representing the Grayling boys basketball team are (back row, left to right) Tony Doremire, Chad Bonamie, Chris Skidmore, Kraig Hudson, Jeremie Mead, coach Tom Mills; (front row) Marty Jung, Fred Shippy, Matt Spencer, Jim Abney, Brian Palmer, Kirk Annis and Ted Baynham.

### 23 Years Ago

December 29, 1988

The Miss Grayling contestants are Janice Helsel, Amy Denton, Ann Moshier, Wendy Pearsall, Pamela Stephenson, Wanda Pearsall, Melissa Kellogg, Dawn Elekonich, Stephanie Hindmarsh and Amy Smith. The Grayling matmen captured four first places and two second places Thursday, Dec. 22, at Gladwin.

More than 30 drums of hazardous waste illegally

stored near the Manistee River have been removed following a DNR investigation. The waste, generated from a defunct St. Clair Rubber Company, was in barrels beside a garage on Birchwood Lodge property. Birchwood Lodge is located along the Manistee River about 2 1/2 miles south of M-72 east of Manistee River Road. The barrels were approximately 250 feet from the river.

### 46 Years Ago

December 30, 1965

On sale this week at Glen's Market are Nabisco Ritz crackers for 19¢; peeled, deveined frozen shrimp \$2.39 for a 1 1/2 lb. package; and Oven-Fresh sandwich bread is 25¢.

George Blaha, Larry LaGrow, Joe Robertson and Emil Kraus attended the Duke and U of M basketball game at Cobo Arena last week.

### 69 Years Ago

December 31, 1942

Some 35 boys and girls sang out the Carols of

Christmas at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Eve, preceding the midnight mass. The children who were directed by Mr. Leo Koerper wore bright red capes and tams were: Sally Lou, Rose and Patsy Bishaw; Jean Lovely; Gloria, Ethel and Martha Pratt; Helen Jean Millikin; Shirley, Jacquelyn and Jack Kolka; Margaret and Dolores LaMotte; Nancy Hoesli; Francine Miller; Jack, Jean and Greta Rasmussen; Denna Perry; Sally and Bob Bradley; Larry McNamara; Bruce and Terry Nielson; Bob Jedliss; John Kasper; Jack Goss; Janet and Barbara Clough; Patricia Heric; Louise Kasper; Margaret Charron; Betty Underwood; and Marjorie Wakeley.

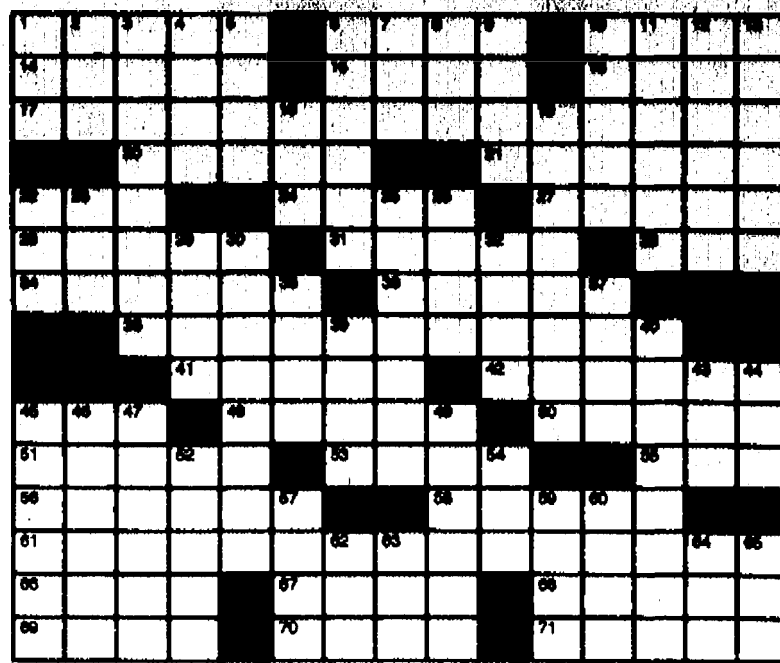
Clarence Johnson is in the county treasurer's office at the courthouse for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the work. We understand he will file an application for that appointment when Treasurer James Post, Jr., leaves for war service.

### 92 Years Ago

December 31, 1919

William H. Cody opened a new blacksmith shop in the John Benson garage.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Block
6. Hairdo
10. Foot pads
14. Deck out
15. "What's gotten \_\_\_\_ you?"
16. Sundae topper, perhaps
17. English actor best known for his Shakespearean roles
20. Arise
21. Chessman shaped like head of a horse
22. Campaigner, for short
24. Bikini parts
27. Giggle
28. Tracks
31. Ancient manuscript marks
33. "First Blood" director Koteff
34. Place of business
36. Overwhelm
38. Ceramicware made of porous clay
41. Scout's mission
42. Flower part
45. Bauxite, e.g.
48. Hit hard
50. Short composition for a solo instrument
51. Gave out
53. Curb, with "in"
55. Auction offering
56. Implant deeply
58. Long heavy knives with a single edge
61. Fertilization by transfer of pollen
66. Belt
67. Cold cuts, e.g.
68. Lifted, so to speak
69. Dangerous biters
70. Auto pioneer Karl
71. Probe that sends information about its environment

### Down

1. Metric unit of volume or capacity equal to 10 litres

2. Victorian, for one
3. Realistic
4. Make, as money
5. Bakery selections
6. "O tempora! O mores!" orator
7. "\_\_\_\_ moment"
8. "Am \_\_\_\_ believe ...?"
9. Kind of rock
10. Three-reeler, e.g.
11. In order
12. Tittering laugh
13. Arranged into groups
18. Center
19. Marked by close acquaintance
22. Ace
23. Big galoot
25. Lack
26. Iced, with "up"
29. Pinocchio, at times
30. Top of a container that must be screwed off and on
32. Parts of a code
35. Carve in stone
37. Duff
39. Frost
40. Light-sensitive coating on paper or film
43. Tokyo, formerly
44. After expenses
45. "Potemkin" setting
46. Causes to appear in a new form
47. Cap attachment
49. Make unwanted, intrusive comments
52. Attics
54. "Smoking or \_\_\_\_?"
57. \_\_\_\_ of the Unknowns
59. "O, gie me the \_\_\_\_ that has acres o' charms": Burns
60. "Beetle Bailey" dog
62. Linda \_\_\_\_\_. Supergirl's alias
63. PC linkup
64. Aged
65. Used to indicate the maiden or family name of a married woman

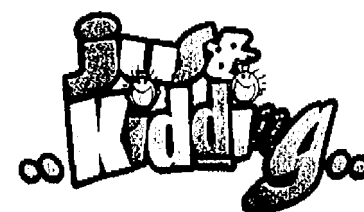
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



# HOROSCOPES

Week of December 25, 2011



Relax, Capricorn. You're looking for a needle in a haystack. Leave it be and let it find you. A shift in travel dates inspires new adventures.

December 22-January 19



The clutter bug strikes, and it's clear what needs to be done. Gather the troops, Aries, and divide and conquer. The cleanup will leave you energized.

March 21-April 19



A weekend trip brings more than you bargained for, and you must scramble to get everything in order. Look to an old friend for help, Cancer.

June 22-July 22



Really, Libra. A mission impossible can be done with the right team. Look far and wide for the best people for the job. A letter brings a relationship full circle.

September 23-October 22



Perk up, Aquarius! The dreary landscape outside doesn't have to translate into a dreary landscape inside. Add some pops of color to your life.

January 20-February 18



Hush, Taurus. There is nothing more you can say. Back off and give someone else a chance. A memo moves mountains. Go with it; the results will surprise you.

April 20-May 20



Budget woes finally come to an end with a savvy deal. Celebrate with a night on the town, Leo, and keep your eye out for another opportunity.

July 23-August 22



Bravo, Scorpio. You take the first steps in putting a long-held plan into action. Celebrate with dinner out. Your calendar begins to fill up fast.

October 23-November 21



Chasing dreams, Pisces? Keep at it, and something you deeply want will be yours. Words of wisdom from an unlikely source put a nagging issue into perspective.

February 19-March 20



Brace yourself, Gemini. Someone close to you is about to make a startling announcement. Resist the urge to retreat. They need your support now more than ever.

May 21-June 21



Young faces turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, and you can't believe your good fortune. Virgo. A plain design turns dazzling with a stroke of genius.

August 23-September 22



A new year, a new you, Sagittarius, and it starts with a conversation you've been avoiding. Go ahead and ask that which you fear most. The answer may surprise you.

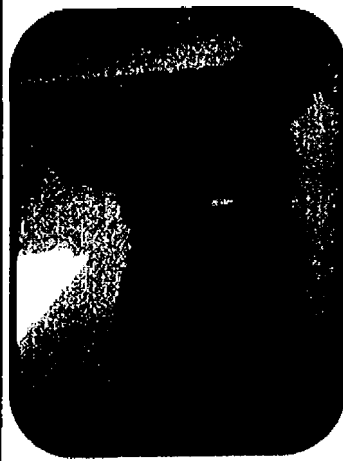
November 22-December 21

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Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



### Batman

Batman is a fantastic 6 month old Pit Bull Terrier. He is funny and friendly and charming. This guy does well with other dogs and kids and is learning that cats do not appreciate being treated like toys! This wonderful young dog has been housebroken and does well on a leash. Batman has been neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. He is looking for a loving home.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascspetfinder.com](http://www.ascspetfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### CRANBERRY-ORANGE CHICKEN BAKE

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) Stuffing Mix for Chicken
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 Tbsp. chopped Pecans

- 1-1/2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables (peas, corn and carrots), thawed, drained

#### Directions:

HEAT oven to 400°F.

PREPARE stuffing as directed on package, using orange juice and water for the liquid and stirring in berries and nuts with the stuffing mix.

COMBINE chicken, soup and vegetables. Spoon into 6 ovenproof serving bowls or 13x9-inch baking dish; top with stuffing mixture.

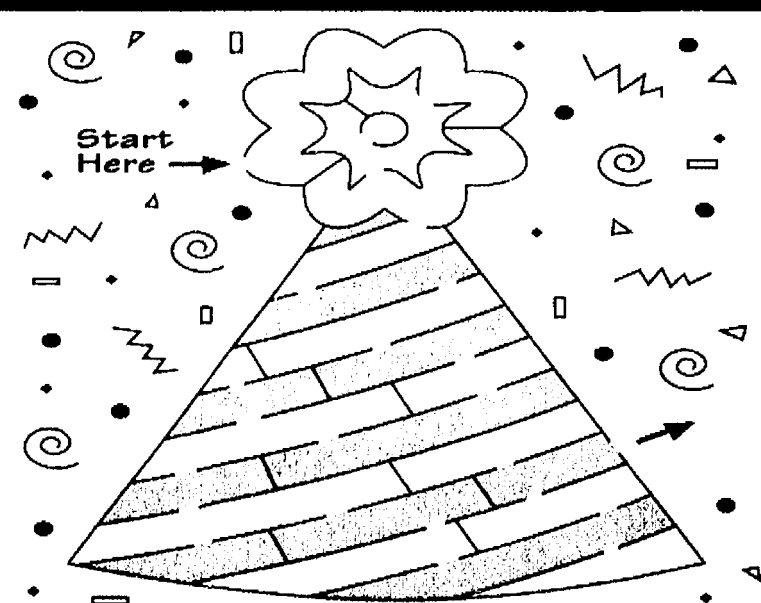
BAKE 30 min. or until chicken is done.

Prep Time: 10 min

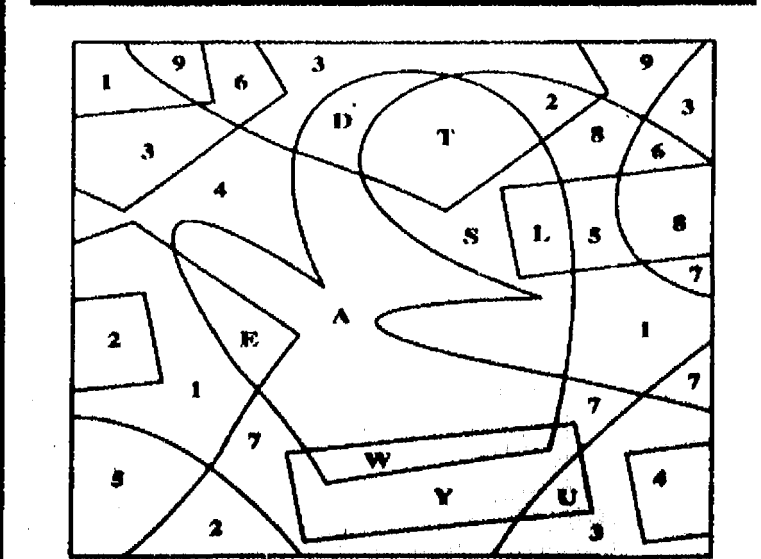
Cook Time: 30 min

Serves: 6-8 people

## MAZE



## HIDDEN PICTURE



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# Classified

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 Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch  
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday  
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 Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

**HOME FOR SALE** Must see - located at 303 Peninsular. Call for appointment 989-348-2383, after 6 p.m., asking \$119,000. (-17-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

## 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** in city \$425 per month plus utilities, references and deposit. No pets, call 344-7669. (-12/29/11/tf/2)

**CLOSE TO TOWN** efficiency cabin \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-29/2)

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** in downtown Grayling with new carpet and paint, storage unit and coin operated laundry facilities. Must have references and no pets/smoking allowed. \$485 per month plus security deposit, 989-619-9689. (-29-5/2)

**3 BEDROOM 1 BATH** near town. Storage shed, quiet street \$600/month plus deposit and utilities. 989-390-3980. (-15-22-29/2)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811.

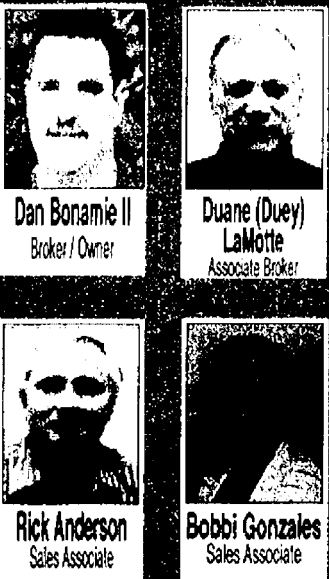
## 1. Real Estate



**Business Property \$59,000.00**

Call Curt Jansen  
**Century 21**  
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
 989-348-5474  
 Grayling

4800 Sq Ft clear span commercial building right on the I-75 Business Loop. Fire sale price and the seller will finance a qualified buyer with reasonable down payment.



**Call Us! We're Your Downtown Real Estate Connection**

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- Short Sale Deal! 4 br, 2 bath, detached garage, huge privacy fenced yard in Sherwood Forest \$55,000
- Newly remodeled 2 br, full basement, attached garage, additional 24X40 garage \$64,900
- 3 Br, 2 Bath, 2 lots, sprinkling system, large garage, new furnace and hot water heater, \$79,000
- Nice Family Home 4 br, 1 bath, roof, heat, windows, insulation lots of updates, \$82,900
- Quality home offered on Short Sale 4 br, 3 bath, 2 car garage, hardwood floors, close to town \$99,900
- Harbor Beach Home, 4 br, 2 bath, attached heated 24X36 garage, private boat slip, many updates \$184,900
- Massive Home! 6 br, 4 bath, 18X22 attached & 30X60 detached garages, Deeded Lake Margrethe access \$279,000

Check Them Out at:

[www.NorthernListings.com](http://www.NorthernListings.com)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH** home 1150 sq. ft., washer/dryer, \$600 plus utilities, references and deposit. No smoking, no pets, call 989-344-7669. (-12/29/11/tf/2)

**201 FULTON ST.** One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only in a smoke free building, no pets. \$500 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-12/29/11/tf/2)

**MONTHLY HOME RENTALS** near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM HOUSE**, one bathroom, remodeled, entire fresh paint, detached large garage, good neighborhood, at Karen Woods sub division, 6342 Atkinson Rd. No pets, no smoking in house. Rent \$625 plus utilities, minimum one year lease, \$625 deposit. Need references. Phone 989-348-9612. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**FOR RENT** 1- one bedroom apartment, \$500 per month plus deposit, utilities included. Please call 348-2466 or 989-390-5425. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**1 BEDROOM IN TOWN** on the AuSable, \$400 per month plus utilities, references. 231-599-2895 or 231-675-1619. (-11/24/11/tf/2)

## 1. Real Estate

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Free rent first two months, 6251 M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft., suitable for office, retail, beauty shop - \$550 month plus security deposit. 989-348-4716. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**ONE & TWO BEDROOM** duplexes, totally remodeled. Storage, nonsmoking \$420 and \$500, references. 808 Park and 8114 Insley Ave., 348-2178. (-11/17/11/tf/2)

## 3. Employment

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We are celebrating our best year in business and expanding! Positions available from general labor, customer service and management trainees. Start now and bring in the New Year in high gear. Call Mon. & Tues., 989-732-2175. (-29/3)

**THE DIOCESE OF GAYLORD** is looking for a Diocesan Accounting Clerk. This position is for parish bookkeeping service and parish payroll service. Successful candidate will have a minimum of three-four years accounting experience with a college degree in accounting preferred. Peachtree accounting experience beneficial. This is a part-time position, less than 20 p/wk. Send resume no later than January 2, 2012 to Human Resources, Diocese of Gaylord, 611 West North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735. For more information log on to [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org). (-15-22-29/3)

**START OFF** the New Year with a new career. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School, 888-602-5966. Possible free training! [www.libertytruckdriving-school.com](http://www.libertytruckdriving-school.com). (-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26/3)

## 2. For Rent

**WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS**  
 Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

**Rentals**  
 Paying for an empty home? Let us manage your property

**2 BEDROOM HOUSE** 2 car garage located 200' from Lake Margrethe recently remodeled, new stainless steel appliances. \$800/month furnished \$650/month w/out

**LAKE FRONT HOME** Lake Margrethe 1500 sq. feet, 3 br, 1 bath, 2 car garage, dock, boat hoist, Furnished \$1,200/month



## 1. Real Estate

**THE DIOCESE OF GAYLORD** seeks an assistant to the Director of Communications. This multi-dimensional position involves diverse communications efforts including: media releases, photo, audio, video, web site, social networking and graphic arts projects. Strong computer, writing, interpersonal communications skills, knowledge of the Catholic Church, ability to multitask and attention to detail are required. Requires a minimum of high school diploma and three years experience in media relations, secretarial or related field. Send resume no later than January 2, 2012 to Human Resources, Diocese of Gaylord, 611 West North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735. For more information log on to [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org). (-15-22-29/3)

**HELP WANTED HINTS**  
 When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

## 4. Services Offered

**ACCEPTING SNOWPLOWING JOBS** for the 2011-2012 season. Business or residential. Call for free estimates. LBJ Waterworks, 989-344-8076. (-12/8/11/tf/4)

**HOMETOWN HEATING AND COOLING** Furnace cleaning specials going on now. Call 348-4252. (-10/13/11/tf/4)

## Mich-Can Statewide Classified Help Wanted

**ALPENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER** is currently seeking qualified candidates for a Repair Technician to provide general maintenance services. For more information, log on to [www.alpenaregionalmedicalcenter.org](http://www.alpenaregionalmedicalcenter.org)

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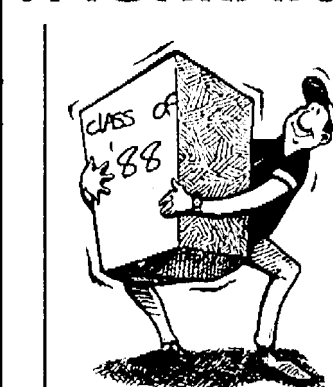
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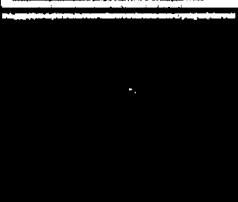
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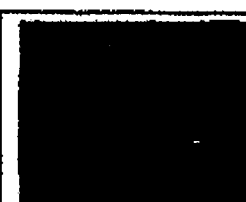
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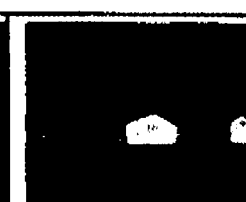
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The Avalanche office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am.

Deadlines for the January 5th issue are:

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Community News: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

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Justice Junttila, left, and Mitchell Thompson, right, dribble the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.

## JV basketball team wins 49-26 vs. Elk Rapids

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings improved their junior varsity boys basketball record to 4-0 overall with a 49-26 victory vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks on Tuesday night.

The Vikings scored 15 unanswered points in the first period to lead 15-4. The 15-0 run included a jump shot by Matt Burrell, three points by Scott Wakeley, a jumper by Peyton Zigila, three baskets by Justice Junttila, and an inside shot by Burrell.

Grayling scored the first seven points of the second period with a three-point play by Junttila, an inside shot by Richie Sanford, and a jump shot by Burrell.

The Vikings scored 10 more points before halftime with a put-back by Junttila, a triple by Brandon Latusek, one free throw by Latusek, a jump shot by Michael Branch, and jumper by Wakeley.

Grayling led 32-14 going into the third

period.

The Vikings outscored Elk Rapids 11-6 in the third quarter. Grayling scored its 11 with a lay-up by Burrell, three free throws by Junttila, an inside shot by Branch, an inside shot by Sanford, and a lay-up by Latusek.

Grayling took a 43-20 lead into the fourth quarter.

The two teams combined for only 12 points in the last eight minutes of regulation (six for each team). Grayling scored its six fourth quarter points with a jump shot by Wakeley, a lay-up by Branch, and an inside shot by Sanford.

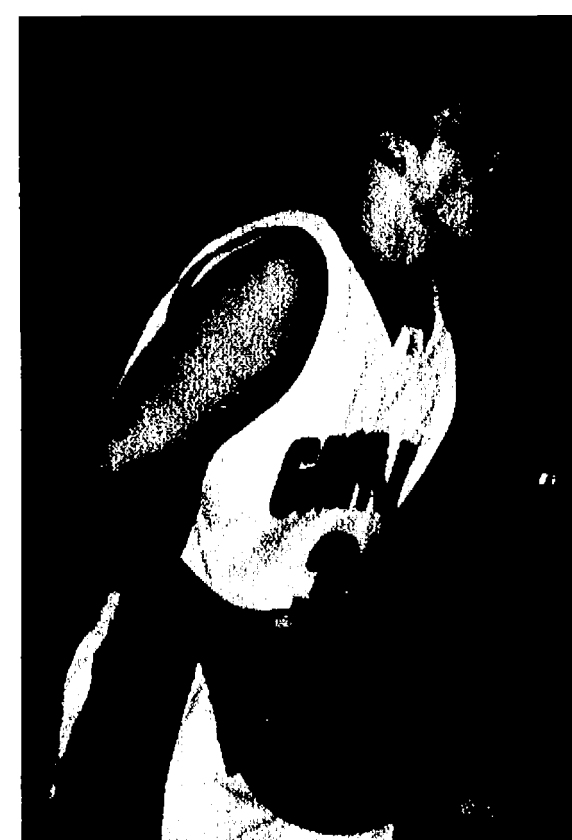
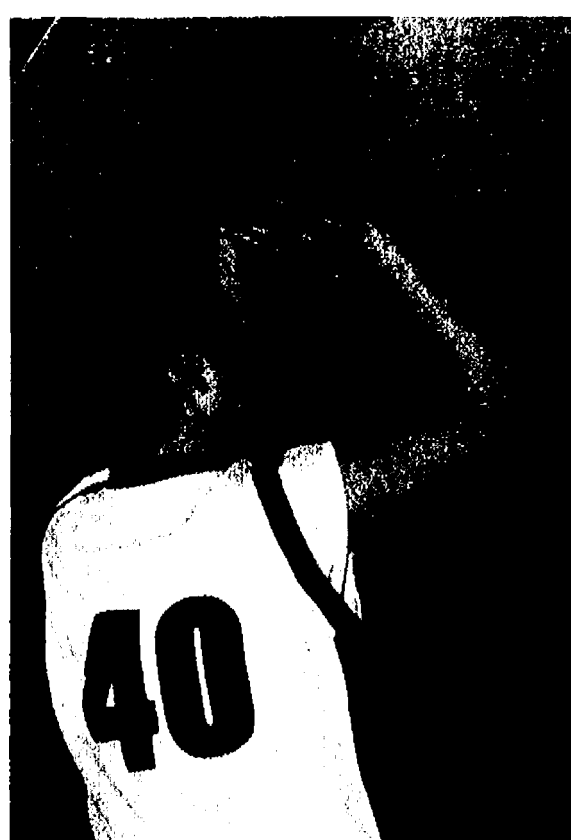
The Vikings won 49-26.

Junttila finished with 14 points for GHS. Burrell scored eight points and Wakeley had seven points. Sanford, Latusek, and Branch scored six points apiece.

Grayling (4-0 overall, 2-0 league) will play at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Michael Branch, left, and Matt Burrell, right, shoot the ball for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids.



Richie Sanford, left, shoots for the JV Vikings on Tuesday. Scott Wakeley, right, dribbles the ball for Grayling.

## Pool League

Women's Standings	Gray Rock	.....77	Two Track	.....105
Frederic Inn	.....109	Ramada Inn	.....57	8 Ball Run: Jo (Two Track)
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# Vikings fall to Elk Rapids in league road game

The GHS varsity girls basketball team lost 63-54 in a conference road game at Elk Rapids on Tuesday night.

"Elk Rapids was a very good team. Our girls played them very tough, fighting back from being down 15 points in the second half to cut the lead to six; however, we weren't able to get any closer," Coach Joe Powers said. "I was very proud of the effort the girls showed and they fought to the very end."

"We had very good defensive pressure that caused quite a few turnovers and gave us great quality shots. Since Elk Rapids was much

taller than us, the story of the game was rebounding. We had a difficult time matching up with their height, which led to a lot of second chance opportunities for them. We tried to negate their size advantage by making the game full court," Coach Powers said. "We didn't shoot real well from the free-throw line either, only making 13 out of 30. If we could have made a few more free throws it would have definitely tightened the game."

Jo Hamlin had 16 points, 12 rebounds, and six steals for Grayling. Cierra Prosser had 14 points, eight rebounds, and four steals.

Alyssa Morley scored seven points and Josie Swander scored six. Caitlin Prosser had five points and six rebounds.

"We played a very good team on their home court very tough. We're looking forward to seeing them again on our court," Coach Powers said.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 67-29 in a non-conference game at Gaylord.

Hamlin had 10 points. Hailey Whittaker scored seven points. Caitlin Prosser, Cierra Prosser, Jamie Denton, Rachel Cooper, and Morley also scored points for the Vikings.

## Lake Michigan Conference

**Girls Basketball**

Elk Rapids	2-0
St. Francis	2-0
Boyer City	1-1
Charlevoix	1-1
East Jordan	1-1
Harbor Springs	1-1
Kalkaska	1-1
GRAYLING	0-2

**Last week's scores**  
Elk Rapids 63, Grayling 54  
Boyer City 19, St. Francis 48  
Charlevoix 48, Kalkaska 68  
E. Jordan 45, Harbor Springs 42  
Kalkaska 28, St. Francis 38

Grayling (2-4 overall, 0-2 league) will host Houghton Lake on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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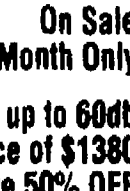
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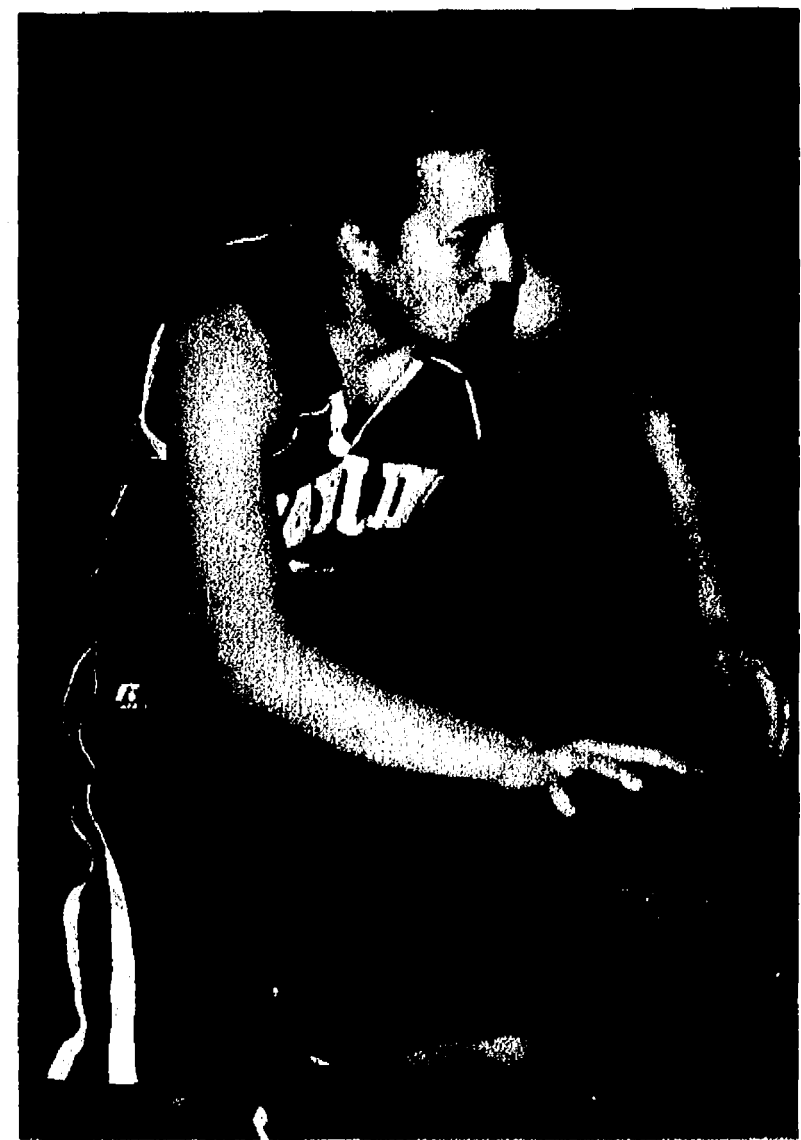
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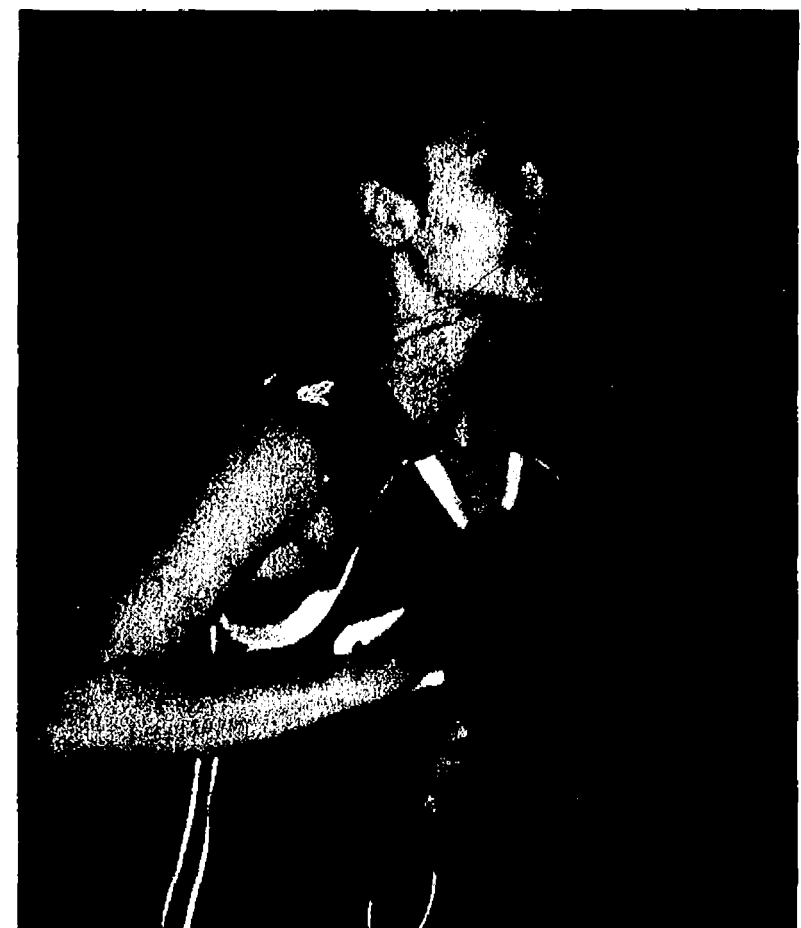
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Sam Hansen handles the ball for the Vikings at Gaylord on Thursday night.

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